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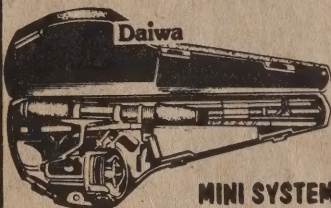
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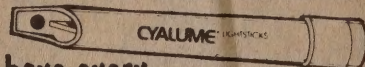
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Schools of mackerel will soon be within range of most Long Island ports. While catching three and four at a time is standard practice among many mackerel fans, they are a perfect match for light tackle buffs who prefer to go one on one with these speedsters. Gerald Hahn has more on the light tackle approach beginning on page 24.

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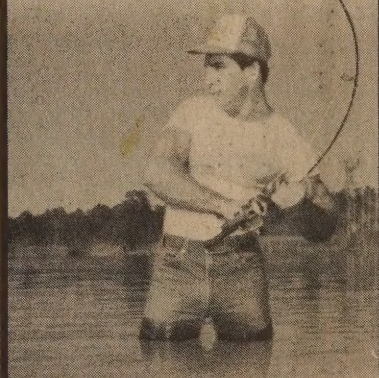
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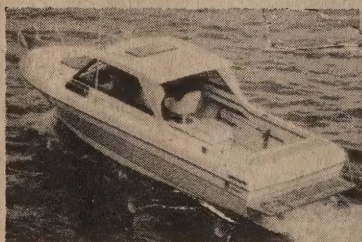
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Over 100 boats from 8 to 40 feet will be on display both on land and in the water. In addition, many marine supply and service companies have taken space in the show. "Over four thousand people attended the first show which was held last year" stated Dave Strong, AMI show co-manager. "This year we have more exhibits, more boats, and an increase in the number of public interest features at the show," said Mr. Strong.

In the expanded tent areas will be representatives from Sailmakers, local banks, insurance companies, custom boat canvas manufacturers, marine electronics, nautical boutique, outboard motors, sailboards, marine accessories, and other marine related services.

Thus far, the list of new boats on display include Alcort, Aquasport, Albamarle, Albin, Baja, Bayliner, Boston Whaler, Blackfin, Burns craft, Century, Colbalt, Cobia, Checkmate, Columbia, Chris Craft, Cruisers, Chaparral, Formula, Grady-White, Hunter, Harbor Craft, Hobie Power Boats, Laser, Larsen, Imperial, Mainship, Privateer, Small Craft Rowing Shell, Sunrider Hovercraft, Steiger Craft, Shamrock, Starcraft, Sea Ox, Seaway, Silverton, Sea Raider Performer, Tartan, Thunderboat and Tiara. The list of exhibitors is continuing to expand said Vic Levy, the show's other co-manager.

The Show's hours will be 9AM to 5PM each day. A special drawing will be held each day. The winners will receive a \$100 gift certificate good at any AMI member. Tickets are \$3 for adults, and all 2nd mates under 12 will be admitted free. Free parking is available adjacent to the Boat Show. The next, expanded refreshment area will be provided by the Hampton Bays Lions Club.

The AMI encompasses the 70 marine related industries in Eastern Long Island's five townships. The major objective of the 8-yr-old organization is "To promote boating safety on Eastern Long Island" according to the show co-manager, Mr. Levy.

"It is our desire to have something for everyone who enjoys boating

activities on Eastern Long Island," according to Mr. Levy. For further information, regarding the show, contact Vic Levy at 683-6800 or Dave Strong at 298-4770.

AMITY HARBOR "CHOPPER ROUNDUP"

The Amity Harbor Fishing Club's "Chopper Round Up" will be held on Saturday, August 17th with a rain date of Sunday, August 18th. Anglers can fish from all over the south shore as we use Jones Inlet and Fire Island Inlets.

We have 9 categories of prizes and will have a special tagging event. Last year we had a turn-out of 60 boats.

Information and applications can be obtained from Al Miller, Committee Chairman, 62 Braham Ave., Amityville, NY 11701; (516) 691-4328.

STRIPERS UNLIMITED RESEARCH PROJECT

The response to our pleas for funds for our striped bass research project in Maryland and Canada this spring has been heartening. We have raised \$1700 toward our goal due to the generosity and concern of our own members and members of other organizations, as well as the public. Many more donations will be needed if we are to be able to complete our research project.

We would like to prove, once and for all, whether the Maryland males carry a genetic defect. By crossbreeding Maryland males with Canadian females, we should come up with the answer. We will fertilize half the eggs from a Canadian female with milt from a Maryland male, the other half with milt from a Canadian male. If we see the same developmental problems in the eggs fertilized by the Maryland male as we observed in Chesapeake Bay and do not observe the same damage in those fertilized by the Canadian male, we will our suspicions are well founded.

We would also like to reverse the process by using Canadian males with large, old Maryland females. This is essential if we are to preserve the unique, floating egg of the Chesapeake Bay stock. This year, for the first time, Maryland will be prepared to handle the old, oversize females.

Eventually, if the crossbreeding is successful, we would look for a clean sanctuary area in Canada in which to plant and raise the offspring of the crossbreeding. These would be prepared for future propagation purposes once the coastal estuaries have been cleaned up.

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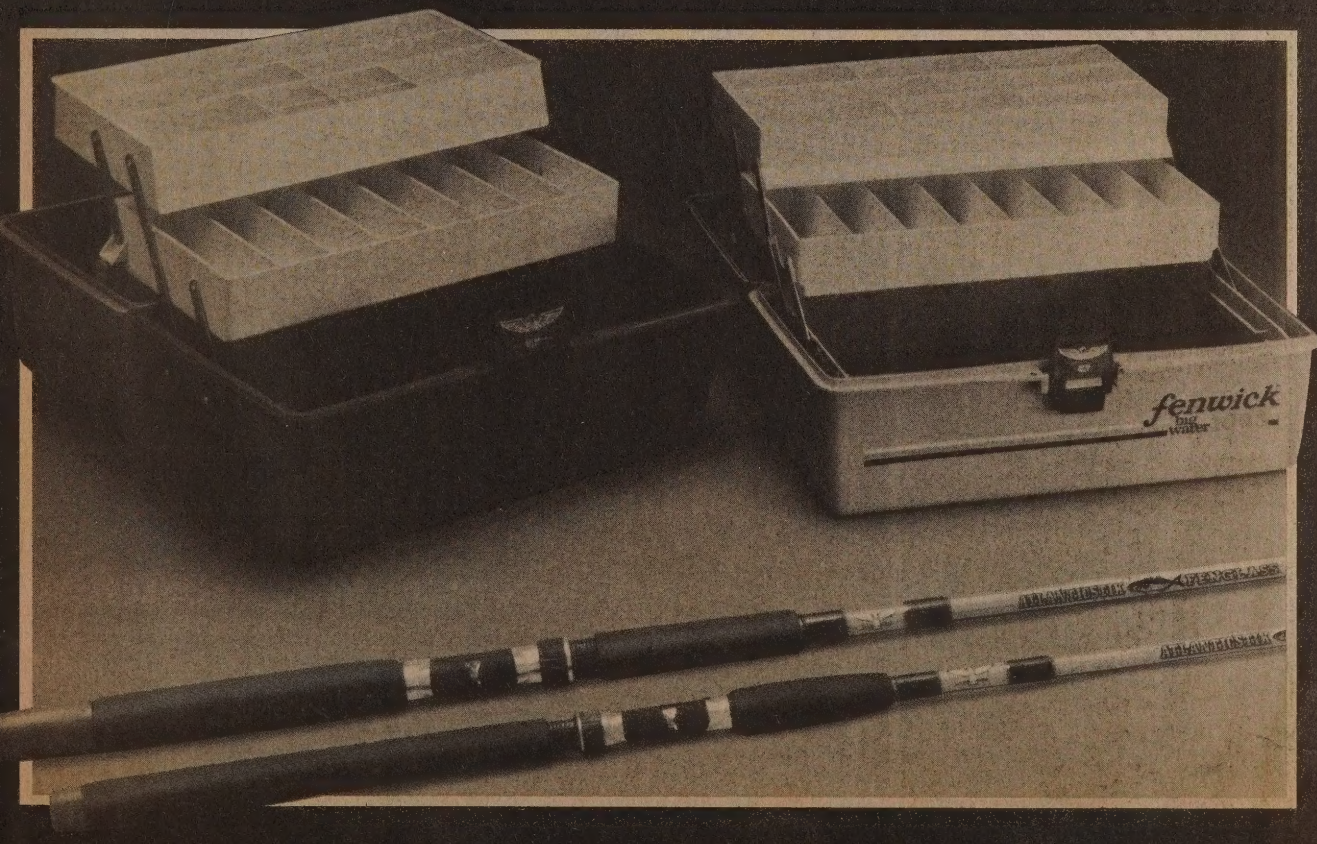
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SENATOR JOHNSON HAILS PASSAGE OF BWI LEGISLATION

"It's time we dealt with the accidents caused by boaters who are drunk," State Senator Owen H. Johnson (4th S.D., Babylon) stated, as he announced passage of a bill to provide the same penalties for Boating While Intoxicated (BWI) and Boating with Ability Impaired (BWA) as those which apply to motor vehicle operators who are convicted of drunk driving. The Long Island Legislator, in his concern for boater safety, was a co-sponsor of this measure to amend the state's Navigation Law.

Senator Johnson quoted statistics compiled by the U.S. Coast Guard, which indicate that fully half of the nation's 5,000 boating accidents each year involve alcohol. A National Transportation Safety Board study, conducted between 1978 and 1982, showed that more than 70 percent of alcohol-related boating accidents involved fatalities.

Boaters on all waters in New York State, including parts of bodies of water adjacent to Nassau and Suffolk Counties, would be subject to fines and jail terms if they are found guilty of operating a vessel while intoxicated or under the influence of drugs. In addition, law enforcement officers could order suspected violators to take a breathalyzer test and anyone who refused the test would automatically be fined \$175, in addition to any other penalties which might be imposed. The fine and sentence structure is identical with DWI and DWAI penalties.

A final provision of the bill requires anyone convicted of BWI or BWA to complete a boating safety course, approved by New York State, the U.S. Power Squadron or the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

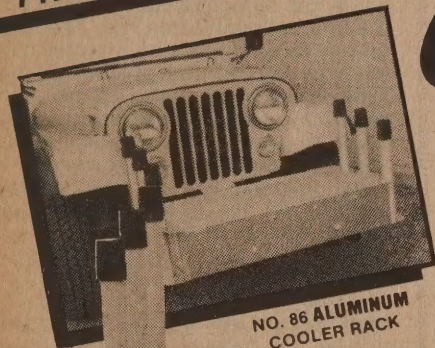
"This legislation is designed to protect all persons who take to our state waters, whether for pleasure or commercial purposes, from boaters who drink, or use drugs, then operate a vessel," Senator Johnson said. "I urge the members of the state Assembly to pass the bill in that house, so that this measure can be signed into law by the Governor as

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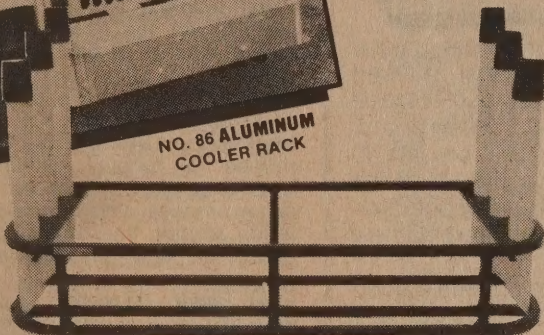
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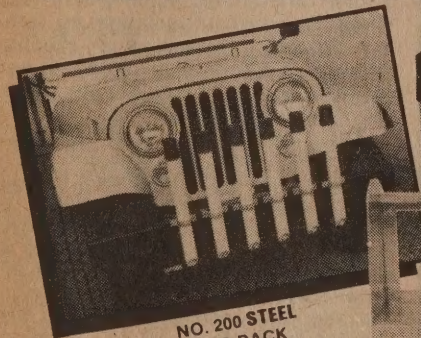
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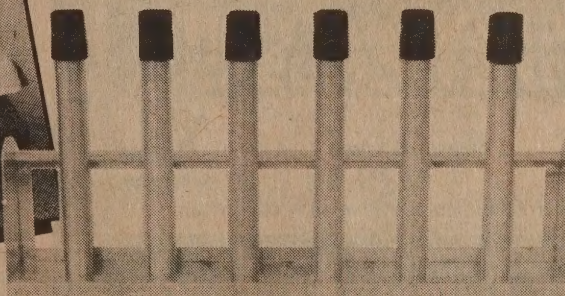
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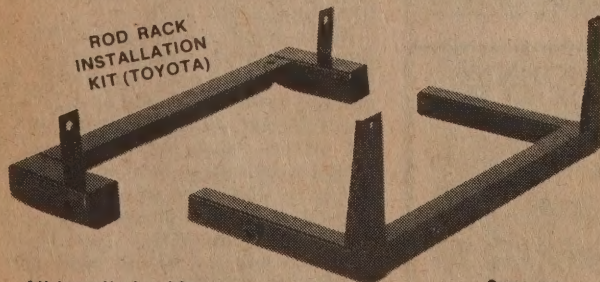
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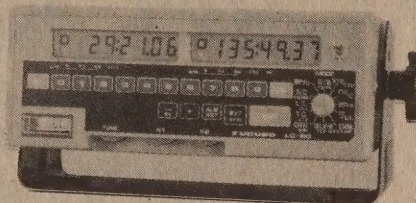
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Over 2,000 record claims were processed by the Association during the year. IGFA President E.K. Harry attributed the continued increase in the number of record applicants to a worldwide interest in record keeping, an awareness among anglers of existing vacant line and tippet class categories, and industry promotional programs.

All-Tackle Records. Largest all time fish records were set around the world from rivers in Alaska to streams in Europe and both the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. The record for Dolly Varden was broken three times—in the Nushagak, Urganik and Kenai rivers of Alaska. The Dolly Varden record weight nearly doubled as it jumped from 4 lb. to 7 lb. 8 oz.

One outstanding achievement was the 21 lb. 8 oz. tautog caught by Tommy Wood on August 4 at Wachapreague, Virginia, to tie a record set 30 years earlier by R.N. Shaefer (June 12, 1954) at Cape May, New Jersey.

The six-year-old spotted bass record was tied in February when teenager Jeffrey L. Matthews hauled in a 9 pounder from Lake Perris in California. Sally Timms' 15 lb. bigeye trevally caught in January during a Panama fishing trip surpassed the old record by five pounds. The Pacific crevalle jack record was raised six pounds by a 22 lb. 15 oz. catch at Salinas, Ecuador, and a 9 lb. black sea bass taken off Montauk, Long Island, New York erased a mark that has stood since 1979.

As a result of the expanded all-tackle program begun January 1, 1984, an additional 64 game fish species were recognized as a January 1st this year. Notable newcomers to the record book included a 95 lb. mahseer caught in the Cauvery River, India; a 19 lb. 13 oz. zander from Austria; a 94 lb. 2 oz. red drum from North Carolina, and a rare cottonmouth jack (2 lb. 7 oz.) found off Boynton Beach, Florida.

Of the 467 new world records established in freshwater line class categories, the greatest number were set in the 1 kb/2 lb. (77) and 2 kg/4 lb. (74) line classes. New records were set for all but seven of the 74 freshwater species currently listed by IGFA, with 29 new marks established

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for various species of bass, 57 for salmon, and 48 for trout.

Among the specific species, there were 21 new records for freshwater drum, 20 for pink salmon and 14 for rainbow trout. The freshwater line class categories accounted for the largest number of records set during the year.

A total of 449 saltwater line class records were set, the largest number, 104, coming in the 2 kg/4 lb. line class category. Ninety-five new records were set in the even lighter 1 kg/2 lb. line class and 86 marks were accomplished in the 8 kg/16 lb. category.

Flyrodders set 42 new records for freshwater species and 36 for marine fish during the past year. The freshwater fly fishing records were fairly evenly divided as there were 10 records each in the 1 kg/2 lb., 2 kg/4 lb. and 4 kg/8 lb. tippet class categories. The most saltwater records (11) were in the 2 kg/4 lb. tippet class.

Despite the large numbers of new records established in recent years, there are still many chances for tomorrow's record seekers.

While the challenge of breaking "unbeatable" records is almost a full time recreation for certain seasoned anglers, IGFA's expansion of its record programs has opened many opportunities for all fishermen to join the ranks of record holders. Again this year, IGFA will be accepting all-tackle record applications for species not currently included on their record lists.

SQUAW ISLAND ANNOUNCES MAKO ROUNDUP DETAILS

The Squaw Island Fishing Club is pleased to announce the details on the S.I.F.C. Mako Roundup scheduled from Saturday, June 15, 1985 at 6AM through Sunday, July 28, 1985 at 6PM (44 days) to all sport fishermen. The winner of the Mako Roundup will be the captain of an entered boat weighing in the largest mako shark at Frank and Dick's Bait Station, Seganus Thatch So., State Boat Channel and Babylon Cut, Babylon, New York, Dick Schmidt, weighmaster. The prize for the winning captain will be a choice of a Penn International 50W and matching custom rod or two (2) Penn International 50 reels. The captain of the boat catching the second place fish will choose between Penn 6/0 Special Senator reel and matching rod or a Penn International 50 reel. To be eligible, a boat must be pre-registered for the Mako Roundup no later than Thursday, June 13, 1985. The entry fee for the boat will be \$25 and must be paid with the entry application.

No limit to the number of mako weigh-ins per registered boat, but all weigh-ins must be at Frank and Dick's Bait Station, Seganus Thatch So., State Boat Channel and Babylon Cut, Babylon, NY. Only one prize per boat will be awarded.

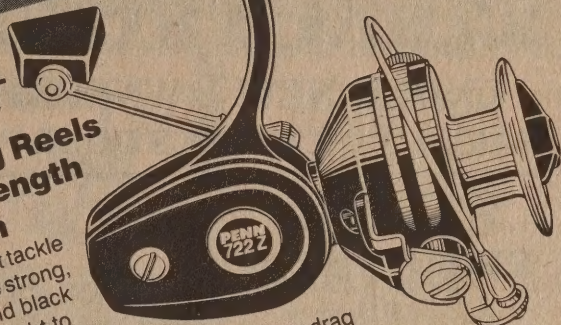
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LONG RANGE MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR LAKE ONTARIO

Environmental Conservation Commissioner Henry G. Williams said today that a long-range plan for fisheries management in Lake Ontario will result in economic development totaling \$100 million or more.

"This comprehensive plan will provide DEC with dynamic direction for managing the superb Lake Ontario fishery resource until the turn of the century," Williams said. "The plan benefits from a decade of fishery data collection which now allows us to define very specific objectives for fish population development and angler use."

New York's lake Ontario fisheries are a valuable resource contributing significantly to local and statewide economies, he said. Recreational angler expenditures in 1982 were estimated at \$47 million and commercial fish values in 1983 were reported at \$184,000. These are first generation economic values and do not account for multiplying ripple effects as these dollars pass through the economy.

If objectives of the proposed management plan are met, recreational fishing trips will increase 65 percent results in a fishery valued at \$100 million or more. This would produce cost benefit ratios of \$18 to \$28 gained for every dollar spent for fishery management.

Limited access to Lake Ontario and its tributaries and, particularly, boating in the central basin, is a serious constraint to further expansion of New York fishing opportunity and an active access development program must be pursued, the plan states.

The first steps in such a program have already been taken and a Great Lakes strategic access development plan, approved by Governor Cuomo, is being implemented by the Department of Environmental Conservation and the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. This \$32 million Great Lakes access plan calls for the development or expansion of 37 priority sites, 26 of them on Lake Ontario and the lower Niagara River, for boating and fishing access.

The plan notes that the contaminant issue is currently the most serious obstacle to full public enjoyment of the lake's fisheries resources and achievement of plan objectives. However, more stringent discharge regulations, as well as improved cleanup methods, can be expected to significantly reduce sources of contamination to the lake's fisheries resources.

Although it is impossible to accurately predict trends for all chemical compounds, available data suggest that the levels of most compounds will be below FDA guidelines by the year 2000 for nearly all species and ages of Lake Ontario fish if present rates of contaminant decline continue and if

inputs continue to be controlled, the report states.

The original strategic fisheries plan for Lake Ontario was prepared in 1971. That first plan paved the way for experiments which developed an outstanding new trout and salmon fishery, set the stage for lake trout restoration, and predicted the phenomenal economic growth possible from a well-managed Lake Ontario fishery.

Copies of the 98-page document can be obtained by writing to: Lake Ontario Fishery Plan, Dept. of Environmental Conservation Fisheries, 50 Wolf Road, Albany, NY 12233.

"DO'S AND DON'TS" ON DISPOSING OF MARINE FLARES

Boaters who must replace their expired marine visual distress signals this season are being advised of several "Do's" and "Don'ts" concerning safe and proper disposal of flares and other signal devices.

Federal law requires that all pleasure boats 16 ft. and over using coastal waters or the Great Lakes to carry Coast Guard-approved pyrotechnic signals, which must be replaced 42 months from the date of manufacture.

As a result, Olin Signal Products, the leader in recreational marine distress signals, has made several recommendations to the National Boating Safety Advisory Council on Visual Distress Signals (VDS).

Acceptable methods for disposing of flares, including those manufactured in 1981 or earlier include:

- Retaining these flares for back-up use to expand signalling time in the event of an emergency.

- Donating expired flares to local Coast Guard Auxiliary or Power Squadron for use in their training classes.

- Ignite handheld flares on land in a safe area, much the same as highway flares would be ignited.

- Contacted a local law enforcement or fire protection agency for their advice on proper VDS disposal.

Olin has also recommended these "Don'ts" to boaters who are disposing of expired flares this season:

- Don't activate marine flares in a non-emergency situation over regulated waters.

- Don't dispose of "live" flares in household trash.

- Don't launch meteor signals on land, especially over or near buildings or trees.

Jerry L. Chioloro, manager of business operations for Olin Signal Products, urges boaters to check the expiration date on all hand-held flares, smoke signals or launched signals as they begin this boating season.

"A great number of boaters purchased distress signals in 1981 in order to comply with the federal law which became effective then," he states. "This means that, by law, those signals have to be replaced for this year."

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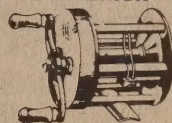
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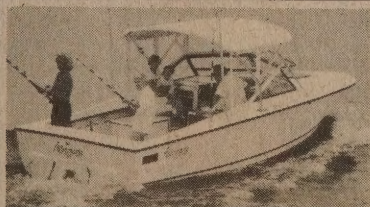
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by Pete Barrett

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Much of this has to do with the Kevlar hull. Kevlar 49, as it is officially known, is an aramid fiber that is five times stronger than steel, almost twice as stiff as fiberglass and about 40 percent lighter in weight than fiberglass. The combination of these three qualities makes for a tough, soft riding, fuel efficient hull. Kevlar is so tough it is used in bullet-proof vests used by law enforcement agencies and the military.

Hydra-Sports uses a mix of fiberglass and Kevlar in its hulls, a blend they have worked on for several years and found to be the best for all kinds of offshore conditions.

The lighter weight hull offers two additional advantages: easy trailering if you like to roam to far off fishing spots and the use of outboards with slightly less horsepower. While the 2500 Walkaround is rated for 400 horses, a pair of 150s will probably satisfy more fishermen running the boats at normal operating speeds while cruising to offshore fishing areas or trolling for blues or tunas.

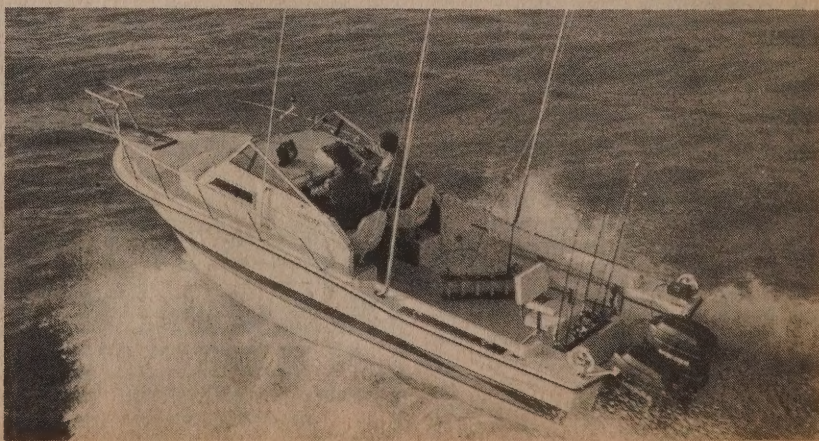
The manufacturing process used by Hydra-Sports mates the hull and the deck with a special bonding adhesive. The two parts are actually pressed together for a perfect fit and a hull that is among the stiffest of any boat. The no-flex hull is partly responsible for the unique riding qualities of the 2500.

This is a high quality boat everywhere you look—from the rope rub rail to the welded stainless steel bow and grab rails. Sight down the hull and the gel coat is smooth as glass, finish work done neatly and with care to be sure all parts fit together.

The cabin itself is like a huge center console. The walkaround passages are wide enough for sure footing without taking away space from the cabin. The bow rail complements the forward fishing area perfectly—it is high enough for protection while setting out the anchor, but low enough so the rail doesn't get in the way of casting or fishing.

The cabin overhead is an inch shy of six feet of head room with vee bunks for two. A marine head is an option that can be fitted between the bunks. The upholstery is nicely done and is of a rough textured material that appears to resist the wear and tear of fishing and won't show the effects of salty anglers.

Entrance to the cabin is by a lockable teak door. Also inside are a hanging locker, storage shelves and a large rope locker forward.



The helm station is well thought out, comfortable to use and huge in size for a boat of its type. The top of the cabin provides space for all electronics—literally everything you could want can be fitted onto the top of the cabin or in front of the helm. The 2500 Walkaround has the most room for electronics of any boat of its size that I've seen.

Access to the wiring is well thought out via a hinged panel. All the helm instruments are mounted beneath a clear piece of plexiglass which when removed allows the hinged panel to be opened for servicing or to make additions to the wiring: very neat approach to a neat electrical system.

The deck space is large for a boat of its size. At the transom on each corner bait prep boxes are built in surrounded with foam. You can also use the boxes to store lures like diamond jigs, umbrella rigs, offshore lures, shark rigs, or other items like down-rigger weights, mooring lines or bait rigs.

Across the transom lies a splash well that is high enough to provide vertical rod storage for five rods, but also low enough to step over for reaching the engine or transom. This seems to be a good compromise instead of a fold-down splash well. The panel will keep seas out of the boat, yet doesn't hinder access.

A live bait well is built into the deck, circular in shape and able to hold 26 gallons of water—enough to satisfy a good supply of bunker or snappers.

Under the gun'l rod storage is generous with 3 International style reels able to fit nicely. Smaller rods can be crisscrossed. The rod holders are made of teak and the only addition I would make would be bungi cord tie-downs to help keep the rods where they belong and can be easily added by the angler.

Additional rod holders can be mounted on the aft side of the fish boxes. If you mounted all the rod holders there would be storage capability for 21 rods! These fish box rod holders are a great idea for trollers who want to clear the decks after hooking a tuna. With rods stored vertically in the holders the decks and gun'ls are completely clear to fight and boat the fish.

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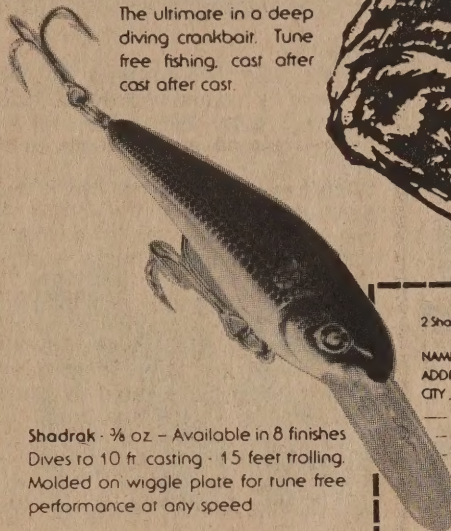
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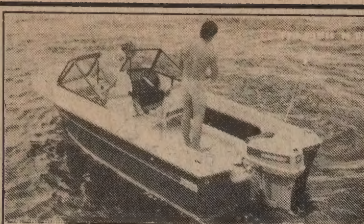
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by Russ Wilson

Dear Doc,

Last year I purchased my first graphite fly rod and eagerly rushed off to give it a try. Within the first half hour, I was on my way back to the store where I purchased the rod. While casting it over the lawn, it snapped just forward of the ferrule. No warning, no undue strain—just snap and I had a hundred bucks worth of worthless fly rod.

I've been fly casting for a long time and never broke a fiberglass rod even though I often handled them exceedingly rough and used more weight than the rods were rated to handle. Just why in H— did that brand new graphite rod shatter at the midway point when I did not put it under any strain other than casting the line it was rated to handle? Ben Harvey.

Dear Ben,

Without seeing your rod we can only offer a guess as to why it broke. Graphite is not as strong as fiberglass and it cannot withstand the kind of treatment you would give a tubular glass rod.

We've seen graphites snap due to excessive bouncing on the seat of a boat that's being tossed around by wave action and we've also seen graphites that could not take the con-

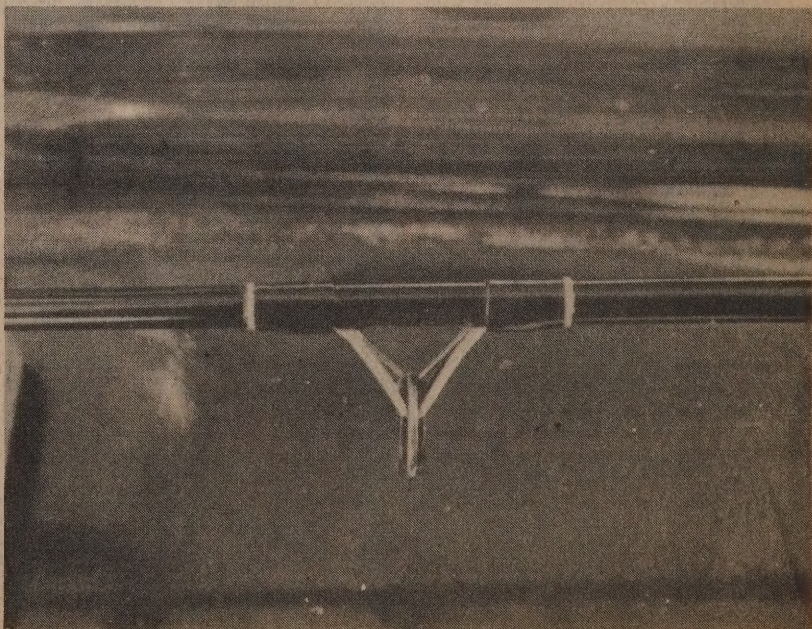
stant jostling that rods get when carried on a rooftop rod rack.

Graphite rods are built with very thin walls and a small nick can cause the thin wall to bruise. When pressure is placed upon the bruised area the rod snaps. That may or may not be what happened to your new graphite. I'll almost bet, however, that the rod was damaged at the store when someone smacked it against the edge of a glass display case or hit it on some sharp edged object. The tiny nick may not have been evident to the naked eye, but it probably was deep enough to cause the rod to fatigue when it was used.

I had a very expensive Boron rod snap when I set the hook on a one pound flounder and when it was inspected by the manufacturer it was determined that the rod had been bruised, which later caused it to fail under a small amount of pressure.

Dear Tackle Doctor:

All of the new fishing rods I see at local tackle shops have the composition type fore grips. These don't have the "feel" of the old-fashioned cork grips and I just can't adjust to using the mushy feeling grips after more than 40 years of using rods that were



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Jim Blair.

Dear Jim,

Wish I could say there is a ready supply of good cork available, but it is not true. We, too, favor rods that have cork grips and will usually buy any rods that have them if those rods are suited to the type fishing we normally pursue.

The cork rings got caught up in the inflation climb and most of the major rod building companies stopped using cork because of its cost. You can still find cork but it's going to cost a lot more than it did 15 years ago, and you won't see as large a selection of sizes as was common back in the late 50s and early 60s.

The composition grips do not possess the "feel" that made cork so popular among custom rod builders, but it's readily available and is very easy to work with which makes it popular with custom rod builders who turn out thousands of rods for the commercial market.

Dear Doc,

I have an old surf rod my father used when he was fishing the surf for stripers, weakfish, blues and whatever else happened to grab his bait. The guides are chipped or cracked and this cuts the line each time I try to cast or bring in the sinker after making a cast.

I'd like to replace the guides with a new set of agates but I have not been able to find any at the tackle shops and repair stores I normally visit. Is there a place that sells agate guides? And, if so, does it pay to use them rather than the newer type ceramic or oxide guides?

Lester Davis.

Dear Les,

I can't for the life of me figure out why you would want to use agate guides. They were more trouble than they were worth 30 years ago and I haven't seen any reason why they would be used when most of today's oxide ring type guides are less expensive and will last longer without being treated with T.L.C.

I would suggest you purchase a set of aluminum oxide guides and if you can't re-wrap them, have one of the custom rod builders in your area do the job for you. In the long run you'll save money because the oxides will last longer and give more trouble free service than will the old style agates.

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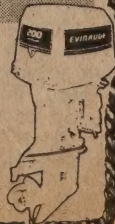
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LETTERS NEEDED NOW TO SAVE BEACH ACCESS

by Bill Miller

The author is Executive Director of United Mobile Sportfishermen, an organization dedicated to retaining beach access for mobile surfmen.

The CCNS Superintendent has made his off-road vehicle (ORV) decision forced by the lawsuit brought by environmentalists, who want a complete ban. It is that mobile sportfishermen and other beach vehicle users will be banned completely five months out of every year (November 15 to April 15), and 83 percent of the seashore will be closed to vehicles during the seven month open period, with only 17 percent open for use. The area open for 7 months is from Hatches Harbor, around Race Point to High Head. The area from High Head southward to Coast Guard Beach in Eastham will be closed to vehicles forever.

Although this latter area contains a number of access points that are

under ownership and control of the local towns, the NPS intends to try to convince the local Selectmen to change their vehicle regulations to conform to theirs (total ban). Even if Selectmen are not agreeable, the NPS claims they can enforce this total closure because most of the beaches on this stretch are CCNS beaches where the NPS can and will enforce it. They will concentrate rangers in this area to nail anyone who ventures onto the federal shore.

This decision has cleared through the NPS Washington office and as this is being written, will be published in the Federal Register very soon. When published, a 30 day public comment period starts which ends 30

days after publication. Any letters of comment on this decision that are received by the NPS during the 30 day period must be considered and counted on the record. It is estimated that publication will occur sometime between April 16 and 19.

By the time everyone gets this notice, the comment period will have started, with only weeks remaining. Playing it safe, all letters should be postmarked by May 16.

There is a general feeling within United Mobile Sportfishermen (UMS) that the NPS is fearful that if they don't give away more of the mobile sportfisherman's access privileges, then the environmentalists will appeal any decision to essentially retain the

status quo. Under these circumstances, the NPS has rolled over dead and capitulated to the environmentalists, giving them almost everything they want in the hope that the lawsuit gun at their head will go away. If so, this means that they have abandoned their responsibility to manage CCNS and given it over to any well heeled group willing and able to sue whenever something not to their liking occurs to them.

We have heard a rumor from some beach buggy circles that whatever is decided at CCNS will be confined to it and will have no effect elsewhere. That rumor is false and believing it, will be fatal everywhere, including your area. A representative of the environmentalists has publicly stated that they intend to do the same thing on other beaches on the entire east coast. Those repeating this rumor should realize that if the CCNS Superintendents' decision sticks, the environmentalists will claim it as a major victory coming from their lawsuit. It will encourage them to bring suit again and again at every other area and they will have the precedent set at CCNS as a basis to support their legal actions.

UMS believes the CCNS Superintendent's decision is disgraceful; not supported by the facts or events that have been revealed since the start of the lawsuit 4 years ago and is therefore a very arbitrary decision that should be appealable (if the money can be found) and if the present round of letter writing supports our point of view.

The 30 day public comment period is required by law; not because the NPS wants to hear from you since whatever you have to say would not agree with what they plan to do. By law, they are required to consider all letters of comment they receive and when warranted, to change their decision. Many of us are aware of past cases where they ignored comment and did what they wanted anyway. We have been informed that the comment will be watched closely so that they will have to toe the line. If readers of this notice fail to respond and this round of letter writing supports the NPS decision, then it will be confirmed and a basis for appeal is eroded.

Some of the facts supporting the UMS position are:

1. In 1981 the NPS closed 3½ miles of beach to Long Point light in order to placate these groups. The NPS acknowledges in its own documents that this was a prime fishing area. In addition, miles of back dune access trails were closed as well as a self-contained vehicle use area. These closures did not satisfy the environmentalists and they took the NPS to court anyway.

2. Last June the judge issued an interim decision that threw out allegations that vehicles are damaging the seashore environment. However he did order the NPS to study social and

esthetic issues, and whether or not vehicle use is an appropriate one. He directed them to learn the attitudes of the general public who is not aligned with either faction in the dispute and to also get public comment (letters) regarding the ORV issue.

3. At a cost of \$43,000 the NPS contracted with City University of N.Y. (CUNY) to do the public survey ordered by the court. The final CUNY report showed that:

a. Only 12.4 percent of CCNS visitors thought some further reduction/regulation or total ban of vehicles was needed. The great majority (87.6 percent) thought present use was not an issue.

b. 4½ percent thought present regulations were too harsh.

c. There was no evidence of displacement (people giving up going to the area they preferred because vehicles are present or seen).

d. The survey was biased to sample a greater (than normal) percent of visitors on the beach where vehicles are present or seen, in order to generate the most complaints. Oddly, people on the beach were most tolerant of vehicles, while permanent Cape residents and especially summer home owners and visitors to upland areas where vehicles are not allowed or seen were less tolerant. Concerning upland visitors, it appears that environmentalists propaganda is having an effect, as those who see and know the ORV use are not as upset by it. There was an element of complaint concerning the anti-social conduct of some vehicle drivers which we all need to work on.

The CUNY survey was professionally performed and fairly presented.

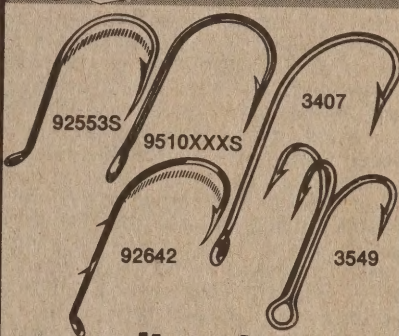
4. The public comment period last fall which ended in December produced about 496 letters against vehicles and 3631 for, or more than 7 to 1 for vehicles.

5. At the meeting of the CCNS Advisory Commission on March 1, the commission adopted a resolution recommending that the vehicle status quo be retained for the present.

From the preceding, it should be clear that the present NPS decision is not justified by the facts and can only be construed as a surrender. Everyone concerned with their (and their children's) future beach access must write. Because of the short period this message will not get out to the many who wrote last fall, therefore we can expect fewer letters for our viewpoint and yours becomes even more critical. Write before May 16 to: Superintendent Herbert Olsen, Cape Cod National Seashore, South Wellfleet, MA 02663.

It need not be a long complicated letter, just one expressing your disapproval of the decision and saying it is not justified by the facts. Therefore, present beach vehicle use should remain as is. Even a brief postcard will do the trick as long as it carries the message.

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ATLANTIC WRECK SERIES:

THE OREGON

by John Raguso

The big Cunard liner pushed westward through the inky blackness early on Sunday morning of March 14, 1886. She was bound for New York harbor from Liverpool under a full head of steam, making close to her maximum speed of 19 knots. Most of the 852 passengers and crew were asleep, and the navigator made her position to be just off Long Island, about a dozen miles south of Moriches Inlet.

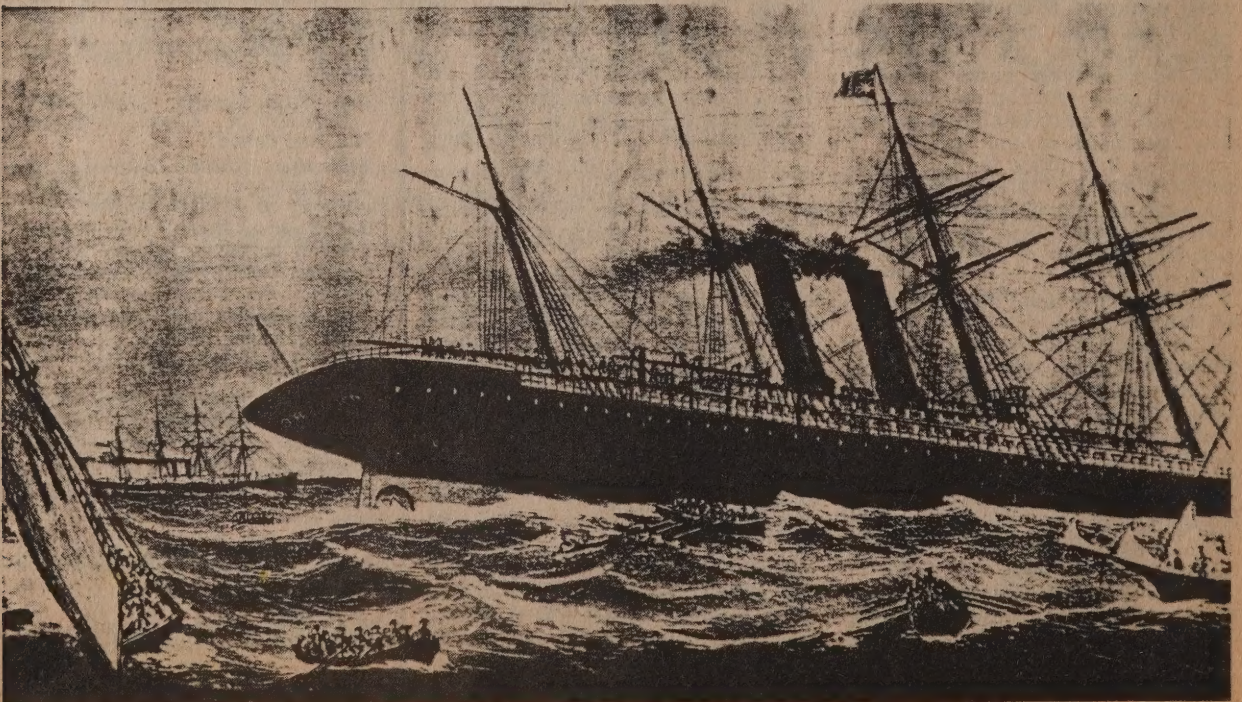
Suddenly, a deep laden three-masted schooner loomed out of the darkness and struck the Oregon amidships on the port side, stoving three huge holes in the luxury liner's steel hull. The two vessels drifted apart in the night after the collision. Passengers on the Oregon could hear the despairing cries of the schooner's crew as she foundered quickly, taking all hands with her. The Oregon drifted for another eight hours before she finally went down, head first, with a great noise. All of her passengers and crew were successfully rescued, but the crew of the unknown schooner, thought to be the Charles R. Moss, perished in the frigid March Atlantic Ocean waters.

As the Oregon approaches her 100th birthday as the largest wreck given up as a total loss off Long Island's south shore, she is just coming into her own as a consistent producer of offshore game fish. The location of this wreck situated on the 20 fathom curve that parallels the Island's seaward shoreline produces a mixed bag of cod, bluefish, bluefin and yellowfin tuna, green bonito, skipjack, false albacore and various species of sharks in season. Indeed, a November 11th trip taken last season netted a potpourri of slammer bluefish, out-sized green bonito, dogfish and a brief tussle with a 300 lb.-class porbeagle shark before it broke off, all with the water temperature hovering at the 58 degree mark. An October junket the year before produced both school bluefin and yellowfin tuna, bonito and false albacore, while chumming at anchor with a combination of bunker and butterfish.

For the uninitiated, the Oregon is a fairly easy wreck to get to and find, being a full 520 feet long by 40 feet in beam, with a displacement of 7,375 gross tons. She lies only a short skip

from Moriches, Fire Island and Shinnecock Inlets, thereby putting her in range even for some of the smaller 18 to 21 foot oceangoing center console type craft with sufficient fuel capacity. The steel hull is in relatively one piece, thus producing a strong echo picture on most quality recording depthfinders. When pinpointing the exact location of this wreck, the twin smokestacks can be clearly visible on the machine's graph printout, since the Oregon is lying keel down on the bottom with her giant screw buried in the sand.

The Oregon was built in England originally for Stephen Guion, owner of the American Line, by Elder Shipbuilding Co. in their Fairfield yard. Mr. Guion had a penchant for speed and this four-masted barque with a single screw steam engine was one of the fastest ships of her day, being the last American ship to win the coveted "Blue Riband" for the quickest Transatlantic crossing, until the USS United States recaptured the title in 1952. The Oregon was sold to the Cunard Line when Guion went bankrupt and she operated in the Transatlantic



trade until she went down in 1886.

Contradictory stories appeared as to the cause of the sinking, including such theories as internal explosions, and torpedoes floating in the water. Facts in general seem to bear out the coastal schooner explanation, but there was some disagreement among the passengers as to the competence and/or negligence of the Oregon's officers and crew during the ordeal. In any event, the following is an excerpt of Captain Philip Cottiers' story as told to a New York Times reporter:

"The Oregon left Liverpool at 10 o'clock on Saturday morning of last week. We had 186 cabin, 66 intermediate, and 395 steerage passengers on board. We had fine weather all the way across and the weather was clear at 4:30 o'clock Sunday morning, with a fresh breeze from the west, when a sailing vessel suddenly loomed up. When first noticed, she showed no light, but when she was close to clear she showed a white light. I cannot say on what part of her. The Oregon was running under a full head of steam. The vessel struck us amidships and stove a big hole in the port side. All the watertight compartments were closed at the time. The Oregon went down about 12:45. She floated for about eight hours after she was struck and now lies in 22 fathoms of water, north half west from Watch Hill, Long Island. The tops of her masts are visible above water, and the vessel is upright. She went down head first. We worked from the moment of the collision as if we expected her to sink. We took extreme precautions. The pumps were of no use, I might say. We worked them, of course, and to their full capacity, but they had no chance against the rushing mass of water which eventually carried her down. The usual watch was on deck at the time of the accident and no time was lost in awakening the passengers. Few of them heard or felt the shock, as all were in bed at the time. Soon after the accident occurred, a steamer passed us, a National boat, I think, but went on.

"The vessel that ran into us must have sunk immediately, as when we looked, she was not in sight. She must have gone down with all on board. When I found that the vessel was sinking, I took the necessary steps to save our passengers. We first sent up rockets as signals of distress. Then the boats were lowered, but before 8 o'clock Pilot Boat No. 11 hove in sight. She came up to us between 7 and 8 o'clock, and two hours later the schooner Fannie A. Gorham, of Belfast, Me., Capt. Mahoney, hove to. The passengers and crew of the Oregon were transferred to the pilot boat and the schooner in our own boats. Four hundred were placed on board the pilot boat and the balance, about 500, on board the schooner. All the passengers were transferred by 11 o'clock. The steamship Fulda, of the North German Line, Capt. Rink, hove in sight about noon or a little before. She was within a half or a third of a

mile from the Oregon. I never expected to see such an affair go off so easily. Not a soul on board the Oregon was lost.

"Everything went down with the steamer. Our cargo was valued at about \$1,000,000. We carried about 375 mail bags. Seventy-five of them were saved. The passengers lost all their baggage, I suppose."

The Oregon is resting on the Atlantic's bottom in 123 feet of water at 40-32-00 north latitude and 72-53-00 west longitude. A more accurate Loran C placement puts her at 26453.2/43676.5, but this reading will vary a few microseconds with each individual Loran unit.

This brings us to an issue that will come up each week as you attempt to build an accurate inventory of Loran numbers. In order to be useful, these wreck locations should jibe with the coordinates that your machine puts out, but this is not necessarily the case every time. Different machines have different sensitivity levels and depending on the quality of your installation, your numbers may vary somewhat. You can use the weekly location numbers as a general guide, but in order to ensure accuracy, you must check out the wreck with your own unit and modify the Loran coordinates accordingly. However, there is a scientific way to accomplish this task. Captain Vic Galgano of Spider Lures has published a 12-page illustrated pamphlet that describes what he calls a wreck "search pat-

tern" in great detail. Thanks to his permission, I'm going to synopsise this procedure to give you a general guideline on how it's done.

First choose the wreck you're going to fish, jot down the Loran coordinates, and determine the approximate depth so you can prepare the correct amount of line for your marker buoy (20 to 25 feet longer than the water depth). An empty Clorox bottle, old 80 to 130 lb. dacron line and a 2 to 4 lb. sash weight will do nicely, without setting you back too much dinero for this necessary tool.

Next step is to get to the wreck. On some of the newer Loran C units, you can simply punch in the coordinates and have the machine dictate the course to steer, also providing you with speed en route and time/distance to go until arrival. The older machines will require that you do these computations manually, but either method is superior to using the "Kentucky windage" approach of a compass and a stopwatch.

Once you arrive at your pre-determined destination, you may be fortunate enough to have the shipwreck appear magically on your depthfinder's graph paper. In most cases this will be the exception, especially if you are making your first trip to the wreck and using someone else's positional fix.

As an aside, let's presume that all Loran data will be on this area's two most frequently used "slaves": the

(Continued on next page.)

THE OREGON

Vital Statistics

Date Sunk: March 14, 1886

Length: 520 feet

Beam: 40 feet

Weight: 7,375 gross tons

Hull Construction: Steel

Depth of Water: 123 feet

Depth Over Wreck: Varies

Lat/Lon Position: 40-32-00 N/72-53-00 W

Loran C Position: 26453.2/43676.5

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Now that you've arrived at your destination, you must ascertain the wreck's exact whereabouts. Be sure to position your craft precisely at the assigned starting point and drop your marker buoy. Let's take the coordinates of the Oregon Wreck for a specific example: 26453.2/43676.5. To start the search pattern, face northward and proceed one full microsecond (about 500 feet) on this course. When your loran indicates 43677.5, turn 90 degrees to the east, proceed 2/10ths of a microsecond to 26453.0 and turn 90 degrees to starboard (right). Proceed southward on the 26453.0 line, passing the original 43676.5 starting point and continue to 43675.5. At this point turn 90 degrees to the east and proceed another 2/10ths of a microsecond to 26452.8, turning 90 degrees to port (left). Start your northerly trek past the original 43676.5 mark up to 43677.5 again. You should repeat this process until you reach 26452.2 on your eastern border. If the wreck hasn't appeared, go back to the original starting point and start the entire process over again, carrying the search pattern between the 43675.5 and 43677.5 south/north borders while heading *westward* at 2/10ths of a microsecond intervals until you reach 26454.2. If your numbers are even remotely accurate, you should find the wreck somewhere within the search pattern. In essence, what you've done is to create a box around your original coordinates that extends 500' north, south, east and west of it. Be sure to keep the boat on a disciplined course line when proceeding north and south and this method should be a great help to your wreck fishing exploits. In case I've lost you somewhere along the way, refer to the illustration for a graphic explanation that should answer all of your questions.

Don't forget, Capt. Vic Enterprises publishes a 12-page pamphlet of what I've condensed to 500 words or less; so check The Fisherman for his ad for the details.

The last section includes a summary of all the Oregon's vital data. Next week, we'll cover our southernmost wreck for the Jersey-based Fisherman readers, *The Varanger*, (a.k.a. 28 Mile Wreck) situated south-east of Atlantic City's Absecon Inlet.

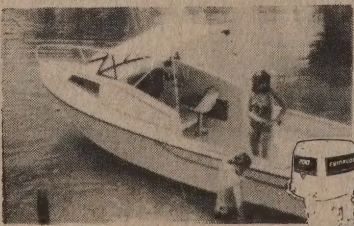
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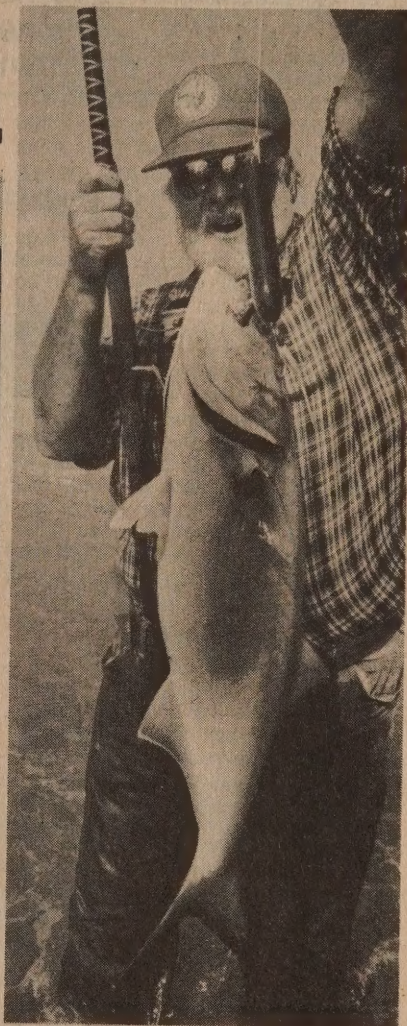
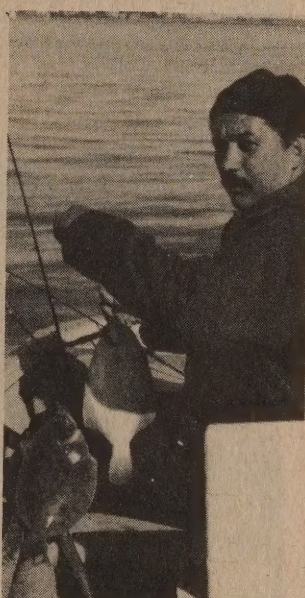
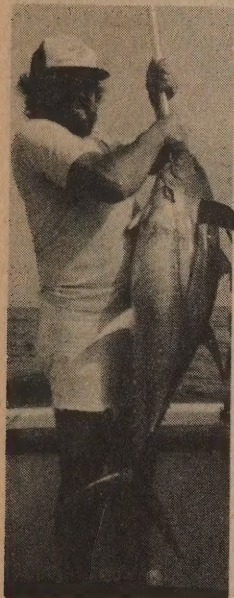
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THE DEADLY "STICK"

by John Fritz

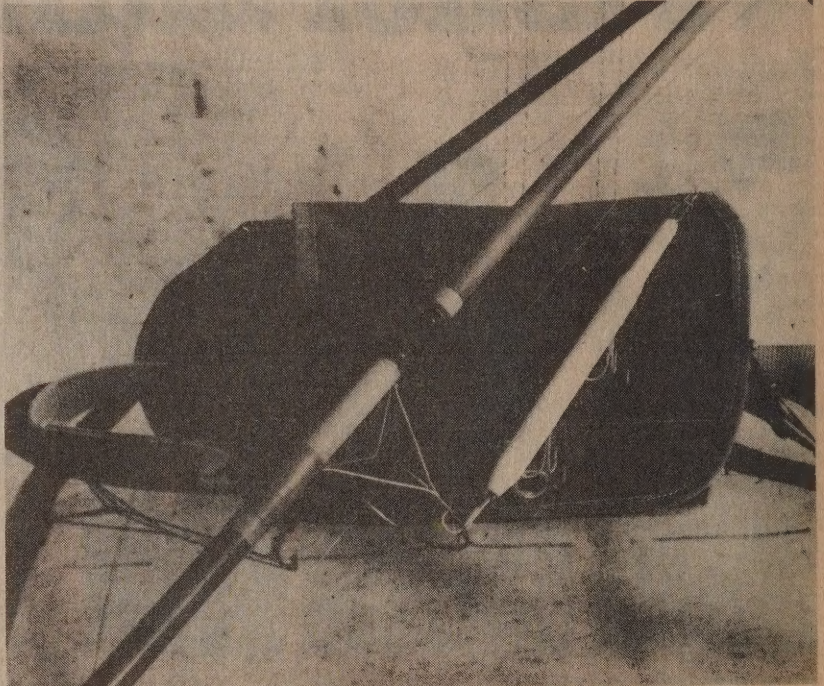
The needlefish has quickly become the dominant plug of surfmen in the northeast.

Of the variety of lures found in the plug bag of a surf fisherman, most have a built in feature, which produces a swimming motion when it is drawn through the water. Some of these are obvious, such as the large plate attached to the nose of the metal tipped swimmers, or the exaggerated concave face of the bottle plug. For other lures, popping plugs and tins to name a few, it is necessary to manipulate the rod tip to impart a life-like movement. The Needlefish plug on the other hand has no built in action and for the most part, a slow steady retrieve is all that is required to catch fish. It appears so simple that we can all dispense with our overloaded plug bags and just stuff one or two of these plugs under our top. This may be a dynamite lure, but I wouldn't go that far. On several occasions last fall this thought was hard to put out of your head.

When viewed in a display at the neighborhood tackle shop, amidst shiny tins, brightly colored poppers and life-like swimming plugs, the Needlefish tenders little reason to be chosen by a novice angler shelling out 5 bucks a pop or better for a lure. Throw this gadget into the surf when predators are feasting on sand eels and there will be ample reason to pay another visit to the display counter. The list of manufacturers of these plugs increases almost daily; Super Strike, Gibbs, Woodpecker, Classic, Boone, Linesider, plus countless home workshops, all provide the angler with a dazzling selection of weights, lengths, and colors from which to choose.

A cursory look at any of these plugs reveals little more than a straight, thin dowel, tapered at the front end, from which a series of hooks have been attached. All of the plugs of which I am familiar are weighted in the aft section and this coupled with it's streamlined shape makes it an ideal plug for casting into an onshore wind.

The design of this plug also allows it to plunge through turbulent water and settle to the bottom, the feeding zone of predators hunting sand eels, which are seeking refuge from rough seas and gamefish alike. A pause before retrieving, after the plug has hit the water, is necessary to make certain the lure has sunk. In order to keep the plug near the bottom, the



The Gibbs' version of this deadly plug is a relative newcomer to the scene.

retrieve must be maintained at a slow rate of speed, for the lure tends to rise towards the surface when drawn through the water. Periodic pauses, in the course of the retrieve, will allow the lure to settle, thereby ensuring that it remains at the intended level. It is obvious that the above practice would be unsuitable along shorelines featuring a bottom comprised of rocks, seaweed, mussel beds or other underwater obstructions. The method of retrieve may be inappropriate but the Needlefish will still take fish from such areas, it is only necessary to increase the speed of the retrieve sufficiently, to maintain the plug at a level where it does not foul the bottom.

These plugs work well from the Cape on down through the Jersey shore, and surf fishermen are clamoring to secure an ample supply. The very nature of the lure, with it's long slender body, presents some difficulty to many manufacturers, when it comes to the process used to attach the hooks. Any lure equipped with hook hangers should have them

discharged and replaced with screw eyes. Use long screw eyes, as long as possible without splitting the wood or protruding from the opposite side of the plug.

The fixed hook anchor presents a complication many surfmen, experienced in the use of plugs that are not through wired, have learned to accept, that is the ability of good-sized fish to gain leverage and attain their freedom. Several things can occur when the force generated by this twisting motion is applied; poor quality hooks can be bent out of shape, or the screw eye can open or be torn from the plug. In places like up front at Montauk, where crowds and natural elements combine to compel an angler to fish a tight drag, knowledgeable surfmen are resetting all screw eyes in place with epoxy. In addition some are replacing the tail treble with a single, feathered Siwash. The holding power of a single hook far outweighs a treble and the added dressing, colored to match the plug, imparts a bit of life to an otherwise lifeless lure.

Through wiring is the obvious answer and although Woodpecker has reportedly gone back to the drawing board to implement this feature, Super Strike, at present, is the only manufacturer offering this highly desired quality. The Super Strike stands head and shoulders above it's competition, for in addition, it is fashioned from durable plastic, an innovation which offers certain other advantages. This plug's body is impervious to the havoc wrought by even the fearsome teeth of teen-sized bluefish. In addition, since the coloration is given by a fine coating, on a body not affected by absorption of salt water, the paint will not chip or peel after repeated hard use. Probably the most highly valued benefit of this plastic construction is gained by the molding process itself, which provides a hollow center core. The advantages of this are obvious to anyone who has loaded Hellcats or Redfins. The added weight provides extra distance when confronted with a fierce adverse wind, more controlled action in a riotous surf and a faster plunge to the bottom when that characteristic is deemed desirable. Reportedly the weight of the 1-7/8 ounce Super Strike can be increased to 3 ounces, making this plug a potent weapon in heavy weather, the time when gamefish are most likely to feed with abandon. The aperture can be effected by using either a drill fitted with a small diameter bit or by piercing the sidewall using a heated pin or nail. Don Musso, this plug's designer, dislikes resealing the opening, through which the liquid has been injected, by melting the edges of the hole to fuse the opening closed. He suggests using a paste glue, containing acetone, to restore the integrity of the lure.

These exceptional plugs were in short supply all of last year due to production difficulties, but Don foresees no complications in providing an ample supply for this coming season.

Desired coloration is basically a matter determined by existing conditions, availability and personal preference, then again maybe it doesn't matter at all. For instance, during a few nights last fall Super Strike's Smokey was the hot item on Montauk's south side while "Up Front" the rush for green emptied the shelves in Johnny's Tackle. To make matters a bit more confusing, in amongst all the green Needlefish being slung seaward at North Bar, a 36 pound cow was taken on a white plug on a pitch dark night.

Granted there are many exceptions, but essentially a surfman's lures are separated into two categories, those most suited for the daylight hours and those which produce better results after the sun has set. The Needlefish is truly a lure which can bridge the gap, for they are equally effective day or night. One other reason why they are the hottest item to appear along the beach since the resurgence of the teaser.

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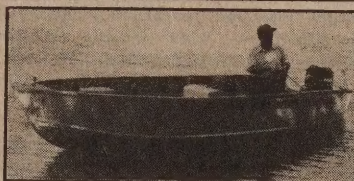


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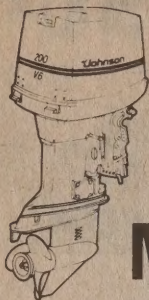
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MACKS ON THE LIGHT SIDE

by Gerald Hahn

Mackerel migrate to our waters for only three weeks, but they are so abundant that fishermen catch more of them than any other pelagic fish, except perhaps for blues. Yet I doubt that the number of blues caught in a three-week period equals the number of mackerel. During the brief mackerel run, party boat anglers return to shore loaded down with trash cans full of fish—80 to 100—and one only hopes they are put to good use.

Although I also go out on a party boat during the spring run, I prefer, whenever possible, to fish for them on a small boat. I may rent a skiff on the Sound or convince a friend with a boat to try the Atlantic. For skiff renters, a particularly fruitful mackerel area is in the mid-Island region, around Port Jefferson and Mt. Sinai. On the south shore, the best mackerel grounds are in the New York Bight, between Coney Island and Fire Island Inlet.

Fishing for mackerel on a small boat is not meat fishing. It is sportfishing on par with going for tailor blues. The macks weigh a mere 1½ pounds, and therefore the tackle is best kept light. A 7-foot spinning

rod with a sensitive tip and a light reel comparable to the Daiwa 1300-C or the Penn 450 spooled with 8 to 10-lb. test is just right. No 5-hook mackerel tree rigs on this outfit. Instead fishermen scale down the offering to a single metal lure and perhaps a teaser. The lure can be a small diamond jig or a "tin squid," such as the Hopkins and Kastmaster weighing no more than 2 ounces. About 10 inches above, a #1 or 1/0 long-shank Beak, Limerick, Carlisle or Pacific Bass hook covered with red tinker tubing (thin surgical tubing) is connected to a large dropper loop on the running line. As with many other predatory fish, the macks will go for the teaser more often than for the metal lure. The combination offering resembles a small baitfish being pursued by a larger one, and mackerel can't resist giving chase. Although mackerel do not possess the closely spaced dentures of blues, they can cut the line, and for this reason, some anglers use a shocker of 15-lb. test monofilament. The 20-foot shocker is tied to the main line with a blood knot, and the metal lure is then tied to



Catching mackerel one on one with a light outfit can't be beat.

the end of the shocker with an improved clinch knot.

The main body of fish arrive in the New York Bight on May 1st, give or take a few days. It is remarkable that the mackerel are so prompt, considering their long journey. Starting in the mid-Atlantic, the macks head up from Hatteras and work their way north. By mid-April they're off New Jersey, and a couple of weeks later, they're pouring into the New York Bight.

Unfortunately for the small boat fisherman, the last few seasons have been erratic on the South Shore. For one reason or another—a snowstorm one year—the mackerel did not head into shallow water, and even party boat captains had to make long 10 to 15 mile runs to reach them. Four years ago, the picture was different, however. Then a classic mackerel run occurred, and fishermen caught them in only 60 feet of water, less than a mile from shore. Let's hope this season will bring the south side mackerel inshore once again.

Fishing methods are the same on both shores. The boat is set adrift and the angler either casts the lure diagonally ahead of the boat or trails it behind. In the former case, a quick retrieve with a pulsating rod tip induces the mackerel to strike; in the latter, steady jigging produces the same results. However, it is difficult to hold a school of mackerel under a small boat for long when only a few lures are in the water. By contrast, on a party boat with 40 people aboard, 40 lures are bobbing up and down. And when you consider that the average mackerel tree rig on a party boat has three hooks above a diamond jig, then 160 artificials are creating the impression of a school of baitfish. Thus the small boat angler must do with alternating periods of hot and poor fishing. But then his game is not to bail fish, but to enjoy the kind of sport which only the quick mackerel can provide. Mackerel do not smash the lure like a blue; they pick it up gently. Then a streak of lightning, a bluegreen and silver blur occurs just beneath the surface. For mackerel have no air bladder, and therefore they must keep on the move. Try netting one and you will see what I mean.

Finding mackerel on the North Shore is no major problem. The fish swim in fairly shallow water, about 20 feet deep. Thus at Pt. Jefferson, if you explore the waters about halfway between the buoy at Mt. Misery Point and the shoreline east of the inlet, you will undoubtedly run into mackerel. On the outgoing tide here, begin drifting close to shore and let the current take you northeast. Reverse this on the incoming tide. Once you come in contact with the mackerel, continue working the area until it is depleted of fish. Then head on, fishing east or west of the spot in the same depths.

On the South Shore, the idea is the same when mackerel are feeding in 60 to 80 feet of water. In both places, you

want the lure working from mid-level water to the surface. Mackerel seldom feed off the bottom when they're on the move. Some people simply drop the lure about halfway down and jig it, by raising and lowering the rod and taking in the slack. Mackerel love the down-stroke which imparts a fluttering action to the metal lure and the teaser.

Indeed, almost any action on the lure will yield a strike. Oddly enough, if you fished for mackerel with bait, you would be far less successful. In reality, mackerel feed primarily on micro-organisms in plankton. However, they also make short shrift of sandeels, spearing and other small baitfish. Perhaps this is why metal is so effective on them.

Nonetheless, anglers are perplexed by poor mackerel fishing some days. This, of course, is the time to experiment. For instance, although most people favor a red colored teaser, there are days when mackerel may want another color, such as white, green, yellow or grape. Likewise, trying various metal lures may make a difference. One day while fishing with a friend, I noticed that he was getting almost all the action. We were only a few feet apart and our methods were the same. Only after a while did I realize that he was using a slimmer metal lure than I and that the mackerel he kept hooking were gorging up sandeels. I switched accordingly and was soon into a fish.

On good days, mackerel are taken during any tidal stage, often throughout the day. At the end of the run, however, the schools thin out and fishing is best in the early hours. The water may be dead flat or rough although veteran anglers like a rippled sea. "A mackerel sea," they call it.

Mackerel are the easiest fish to clean, because they require no scaling and are best eaten whole. Simply cut the fish on the belly side from the vent to the underside of the head, then cut off the head and the fish is gutted. Splitting the fish along the backbone flattens it for the broiler. Try broiled mackerel, skin side down, and dusted with flour and dabbed with butter and paprika. If you like gamey sea food the way I do, you will find the flavor of mackerel richer than bluefish. Mackerel do not hold up in the freezer for long, however, so keep no more than you need. Some fishermen save a few for bait. Cut in chunks or strips, mackerel is one of the best baits for choppers and cow bass. It will also attract such species as weeds, fluke and cod.

By all means, if you've never fished for mackerel before, try for them on a party boat. A 20-lb. class outfit and a multiple hook rig are all you need to earn more mackerel than you can cope with. Even beginners do well on party boats when the macks are in. Yet sooner or later, you will tire of meat fishing. You should then consider a small boat for taking your mackerel on the light side.

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HUDSON RIVER STRIPERS: A SPRING TREAT

*by Sergio
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**The author provides plenty of reason to sample
the Hudson River's spring striper fishery.**

After sitting around most of the winter, the spring runs of flounder, whiting, mackerel and blackfish are a welcome relief for those of us who would rather not go ice fishing. The sportsmen's shows, fishing seminars and club events were a great alternative, but they can't replace actually fishing. So, as the fish start jumping, so do we. For the addicted striper fisherman, spring is always a time of conflict. While they're bailing flounder in the bay and having big mack attacks offshore, the bass are also strutting their stripes. Only the action isn't on the beaches or in the bays, it's up in the Hudson River. In particular, in the areas around Haverstraw Bay and zeroing in on Croton Point.

Some of you may think that it's not worth fishing for stripers because of the depleted coastal stocks. Some readers may already be getting ready to write a nasty letter on how you don't want another "how to kill

stripers" story. A small percentage could care less, but they're not reading this anyway. So let's get the story straight. First off, the Hudson River not only has excellent striper fishing, but it's also currently supplying most of the bass on the East Coast. Secondly, you do not have to kill stripers to go striper fishing. There's the catch, tag and release method of fishing. Finally, if we stop fishing for stripers, the importance of both the fish and its habitat will slip into the back pages and before you know it, we really will have no striper fishing. Fishing for bass with the tag and release in mind will allow you to enjoy the sport, help the fish and even get that occasional linesider supper. But so much for the sermon; back to the Hudson.

Much has been written on trolling the flats in Croton Bay or fishing the Oyster Beds off Potato Rock on the north side of Croton Point. These are productive areas and many fish are

taken by the boatmen. However, fishing from the shore in this area can also produce a good number of decent sized fish. In fact, the largest Hudson River striper ever taken by a member of the New Jersey Chapter of the Hudson River Fishermen's Association, was taken from the Croton area from shore; it was 38 lbs. To fish the shoreline you just have to put up with a few inconveniences. For example, any fisherman worth his or her waders knows that the prime striper fishing occurs after dark and before dawn. In Haverstraw Bay it also occurs on dreary, rainy days. At these times, the bass might think that it's dawn all day long. The same holds true for the bait. From dusk to dawn the stripers come up from the deeper waters of the river to feed on the herring and alewives which comes to the Hudson's tributaries to spawn. Contrary to what you may have heard, stripers do not spawn in the Croton

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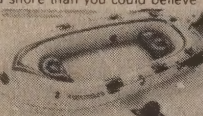
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River. They stage at this and similar areas to feed on the herrings before proceeding on their journey to their own spawning grounds upriver. In any case, areas like Croton provide the striper with the food they need to get through the spawn. When fishing at Croton as with any other area it's important to match the hatch if you expect to catch fish.

The alewife is a small member of the herring family, also often called a sawbelly. This name comes from the fact that its belly is heavily serrated due to its scales. This is also the easiest way to distinguish it from the blueback herring. In the Hudson, especially around areas like Croton, you can watch schools of alewives break water around dusk. This surface action will occur even without the striper around. So don't get frustrated if you're casting into a school of breaking baitfish without getting a hit. The alewives around Croton will average between 5 and 10 inches in length and are prime striped bass bait.

The blueback herring, like the alewife is also an anadromous fish which ascends the Hudson to spawn in its tributaries. Also, like the alewife, it is prime striper live-lining bait. A sure way to know that you have a blueback herring is by its black stomach lining and/or by the blue green color on its back. Both fish can be caught with very small shad darts or by using a small streamer hook with a little (very little) bucktail dressing and a split shot for casting weight. Yellow or white are productive colors for both the dart and the weighted fly. The secret here is to fish light, remember you're only trying to catch your bait. Unless you are equipped with an aerated live well, use the baits right away otherwise you'll wind up with a supply of cut bait.

If you are not into fishing for your bait the next best bet is worms. Both sandworms and bloodworms are natural to the Hudson River. The most popular bait among the locals is the bloodworm. The reason for this, I believe, is that the bloodworm is tougher than the sandworm and will cast better. Sampling studies, however, have shown that the sandworms are more prevalent in the Haverstraw Bay area. Bloodworms were found in greater abundance in the lower reaches of the Hudson. In any case, both the sandworm and the bloodworm are excellent baits and both will catch fish equally well.

Grass shrimp, small crabs, the ban anchovy, eels and the amphipods (small shrimp-like crustaceans) are all common food sources for the larger fish of the Hudson River. However, to the best of my knowledge these are not common baits for the Hudson River fisherman. The reason is probably that they're not available in the local bait shops. However, if you could get your hands on some of these baits, it would be worth experimenting.

The fishing techniques as you might expect, match the hatch. The most popular bait fishing method from shore is worming. Springtime striper fishing in the Hudson with worms requires a light touch. The bass have a tendency to mouth the bait a few times before eating it. For this reason a fishfinder rig (without a float) or a 10 to 12 inch leader tied onto a dropper loop with a sinker tied about 8 to 10 inches below the loop is a must. These rigs will allow you to feel the first few taps which indicate that Mr. Roccus (I like the old name better) is getting ready to have a meal. Setting the hook should be done in a slow smooth sweep. Joe Corvino, a friend and fellow club member has fine honed this touch and will consistently outfish most of the surrounding fishermen, myself included. The bass in the river seem to take their time hitting a bait as compared to fish caught outside the river. When the stripers start to feed the fishermen who hold the rod will outfish those who let them sit in the sandspikes.

Live-lining techniques are pretty much the same as those used outside the Hudson. After hooking the bait, cast it out and let it swim around until it attracts a striper. A conventional reel is better suited to this type of fishing as it gives you better control. Again, after the bait is taken wait a second or two (it will seem like a year or two) so the bass can turn the bait and swallow it. By setting the hook too soon you will just pull it free and lose the fish.

Artificial baits which are popular in the area also match the hatch. All silver Rebels, along with the blue-backed and blackbacked solid and jointed types imitate the alewives and herring which are present during this time. These lures are most effective early and late in the day and at night. The water around Croton can be very clear in the spring and the bass can get a good look at them in the daytime. In poor light, however, the action of these lures can be deadly just like off the coastal jetties. White and yellow bucktails are also productive lures when fished with a slow bounce on the bottom. It has often been said that bucktails imitate crabs and shrimp. This would make sense as both are present in the area.

The Hudson River has miles upon miles of productive shoreline, most of which has probably never been fished. Because of access restrictions, however, the shore-bound fisherman is limited to available shoreline. Fortunately, there are enough access points north of the Tappan Zee bridge to please most people. Starting at the Tappan Zee on the New York side of the river, head north on Rt. 9. One of the first access areas you will come to is the railroad station just below Ossening. There is a park along the river here with a small parking lot. If this is full you use the parking lot by the railroad station. To get here turn left onto Scarborough Station Road, which is between Tarrytown and Ossening

and follow it down to the river. Following Rt. 9 further north it will become a divided highway. Just after it does, take the first exit (Croton-on-Hudson Station) and bear left to the river. Here you have a choice, you can go straight into Croton Point Park which will give you access to Teller's Point and Potato Rock at the south and north ends of the park. Or you can turn into the railroad station which will take you to the mouth of the Croton River and the much talked about railroad bridge, by taking the dirt road to the end. The park will give you access to the outer edges of Croton Bay and the areas on the Hudson proper. There are many fine areas to fish from here, the only problem is that the park is only open from dawn to dusk. This will limit the productive fishing times to a few hours when the tides are right. Going to the mouth of the Croton will give you access to beach type areas and marshes which draw in fish. This area is open all the time. Additional access to the river can be found by exploring the side streets off Rt. 9, from road maps and by talking to the local tackle shops. There are available areas to fish both north and south of Croton Point. Note: Most of these areas will require that you cross railroad tracks. If you do so, use extreme caution. If you don't think you should be in a certain area you probably should not be there in the first place. When in doubt, check it out with the local

police department. For example, the town of Croton has opened the area near the railroad bridge at the mouth of the Croton River as a courtesy to fishermen. Respect the rules.

Before ending, I'd like to comment on striped fishing, catch and release and tagging. As mentioned earlier, fishing with catch and release in mind will go a long way towards ensuring a striped fishery in the future. We can learn something from the freshwater bass fishermen who release a portion of their catch to ensure continued good fishing. Shorts should be released; it's the law. Big fish, say those over 25 or 30 lbs., will almost always be females and these are the basis for tomorrow's fishery. Very few if any should be kept. Anyhow, the smaller fish, those between 5 and 15 lbs., are the best tasting ones anyway. Taking a few fish during the season is not necessarily wrong as long as some are tagged and released or just plain released. How many fish we release, if any, is a decision that each one of us has to make for him or herself.

Tagging will provide data on the fish and on the conditions of their habitat. If you plan to tag, do it right. A tagging area should be set up whether it be on the shore or on your boat. The tag and needle should be ready so as to minimize the amount of time the fish is out of the water. A wet rag should be handy so as to protect the slime coating of the fish. Have a

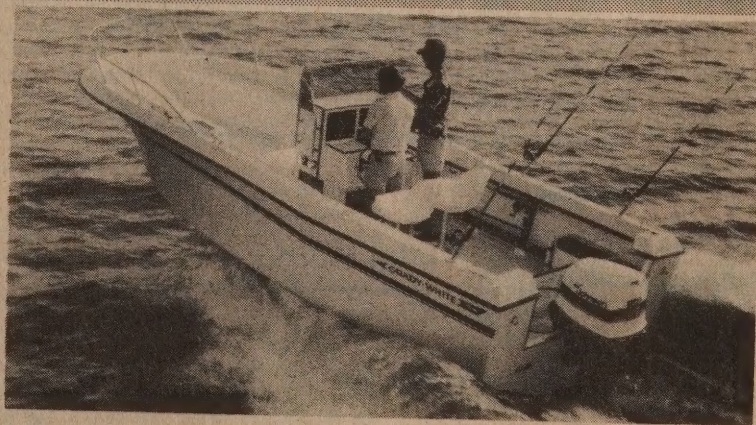
scale ready to measure the fish and forget about the weight—it takes too long. Don't tag fish under 10 to 12 inches and don't try to tag fish approaching 15 to 20 lbs. until you become proficient at tagging. A big fish can be damaged by handling more easily than a small fish. Tagging kits are available from the American Littoral Society for a cost of \$3.50. The kit contains 10 tags, a needle, data cards and instructions. The Littoral Society also recommends tagging all types of fish, not just stripers. If your club belongs to the Jersey Coast Anglers Assn., you can get tagging kits from them also. These, however, are striped only tags. Of course, if you catch a tagged fish you should remove the tag and return it to the address listed on it along with the size of the fish and catch data as soon as possible.

Additional information on the Hudson can be obtained by calling the Outdoorsman Tackle Shop in Fort Lee, New Jersey at (201) 461-4973. They will provide you with up-to-the-minute information on the fishing in the river. And remember, you'll never know what you'll catch in the Hudson. The striped fishing starts in the Croton area around mid-April, but good fishing can be had into the end of May. In addition to the stripers there are white perch, catfish and there's even been an occasional jack crevalle reported from the Croton area.

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MAKING A POINT ABOUT HOOKS

by Matt Ahern

Everyone's heard of the luck of the Irish. And I guess there's something to it, for as a fish-happy youngster I was indeed fortunate to be raised in a Brooklyn neighborhood that abounded with old-time bottom fishermen. When I reflect on those days now, and as I sit before this typewriter, I wonder how those old-timers tolerated a 10/12 year old kid as long as they did, for I was indeed "pesty." But they did.

They were most intent about their fishing and I suppose this rubbed off on me, for to this day I simply cannot tolerate a would-be fisherman who does not take our sport seriously.

The age of these master fishermen averaged about 65, I'd say. The most ancient of these old-timers was a Civil War veteran called "Old Pinky." This ancient mariner no longer fished, but I can see him yet as he sat in the old chair in the golden sunshine, grizzled gray hair and white beard moving with the late afternoon breeze, his voice but a mite stronger than a croak. That voice told me wondrous stories of striped bass and bluefish trolling under sail, of lures made of wood. They were glorious days, those days of 60 years ago.

But whether it was Old Pinky

telling a tale, or if it was one by a "youngster" of 65, one thing was always mentioned: fishhooks! Fishhooks, fishhooks and more fishhooks, until I saw fishhooks in my dreams. And this is why I am such a fanatic about fishhooks.

The next time you hold a fishhook in your hand, look it over with more than casual interest. What do you see? A thin, curved piece of metal, right? Wrong! What you are looking at is 5000 years of civilization!

The hook you are holding is not much different from those manufactured since 3000 years BC. There hasn't been much overall improvement in fishhooks except to manufacture them by machine instead of painstaking hand craftsmanship. I guess one might say it is difficult to improve on perfection.

We've all seen pictures of Old Oog squatting in front of his cave. His sloping forehead and Neanderthal look doesn't give the impression of much intelligence behind those dull eyes. But Old Oog was a pretty smart cookie in his way.

It didn't take him long to discover he needed much more than a pair of hairy arms to catch fish; which no doubt was much safer and surer than

chasing some fleet-footed prey which might reverse the chase at any moment and become victor instead of victim.

So Oog got that brain working and he came up with the gorge, which was simply a small, thin piece of wood or stone, tapered to a point at both ends. To its center was attached a strip of sinew or braided hair. This implement was embedded in a piece of meat and when swallowed, the line was pulled taut, causing the gorge to lodge crossways in the fish's gullet.

Eureka! We had our first fisherman!

Gradually as the centuries passed, hooks made of bone, antlers, and similar materials took the place of the gorge. But not until the advancement of civilization brought us to the Iron and Bronze Age did we actually have our first real fishhook, much like the ones we use today.

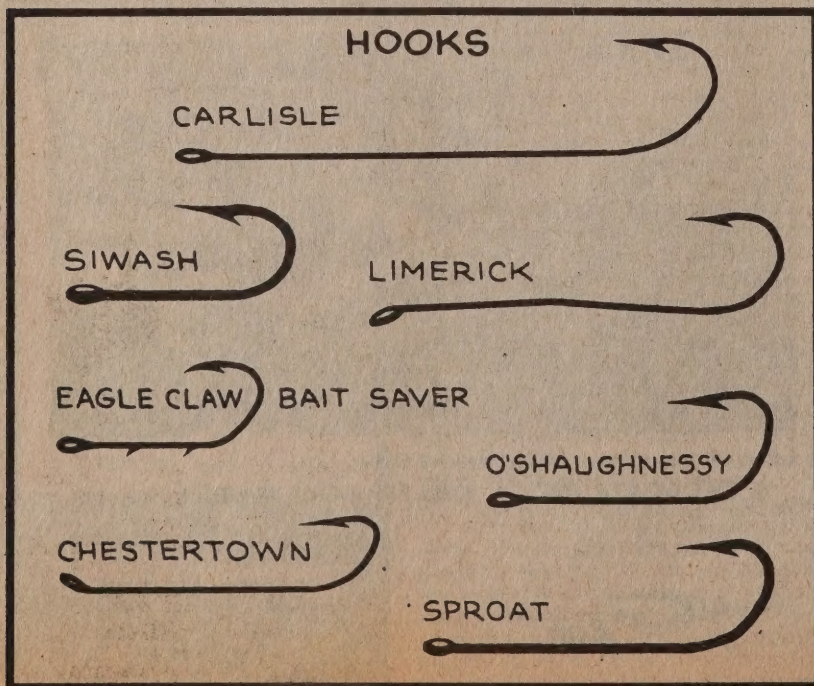
Historians say the first fishhooks were made in China and brought to Germany by overland travelers. The process was then brought to London where the needle-making trade was a big influence on the world. It was then a simple procedure to convert to fishhook manufacture.

But bubonic plague, plus great fires and other assorted ills, all but wiped out everything in London, including fishhook manufacturing. Those who were fortunate enough to escape went to safer European and Asian countries and began anew. Today O. Mustad and Son of Oslo, Norway leads in world hook manufacturing with over 100,000 types of hooks for world trade. (Yes, that's 100,000! And here you thought a fishhook was a mere nothing. How could you?)

But enough of fishhook history; let's get down to the hooks we use today.

No one hook is satisfactory for all fish, which is too bad because things would be a lot simpler for all fishermen. I believe more regular-shanked hooks are used than long shanked, but this selection is usually governed by the fish sought, not by any particular choice of fishermen.

For example, were you to use a regular shanked hook on bluefish you'd land very few. Those strong, razor sharp teeth of bluefish can go through leader material or a hook's snell in a flash. What's needed here in this instance is a long shanked hook. Fishermen often get by in a



pinch by using a piano wire leader on short shanked hooks, but for general purposes we can say that a long shanked hook should be used on fish known to have sharp teeth.

But there are exceptions. For example when winter flounder fishing the hook used by most is a long shanked Chestertown (commonly called "the flounder hook"). But this isn't because our flat friend has sharp teeth; in fact, he can be called toothless as far as we fishermen are concerned (which, of course, he isn't). No, fishermen use long shanked hooks for flounder because these fish are notorious for swallowing the hook deeply and the long shank makes hook removal easier. (It also means that if most of your flounder are deep-hooked, you aren't fishing properly for them.)

All of this boils down to the fact that there's more to a fishhook than meets the eye.

There are many types of hooks used in saltwater. The ones listed are important to bottom fishermen. Get to know this list, for when you do, your catch will increase.

Carlisle: This is a long shanked hook commonly used for fluke fishing. It is thin enough to use with live killies, yet strong enough to hold any fluke you may encounter.

Chestertown: As noted, this is the winter flounder fisherman's hook. (I use the term "winter flounder" to differentiate between these and fluke, which are often called summer flounder.) This hook is also good for eels and other soft-mouthed fish with the annoying habit of hook swallowing. Not recommended for big fish even in its larger sizes, although in the long ago as a kid I did catch a plus 30 striped on a Chestertown while flounder fishing in Jamaica Bay. (What a wild time! You never heard such screaming and hollering in all your life!)

Claw or Beak: An extremely sharp, strong hook, designed for quick-biting fish. Will also work well on the leather-jawed cod. Good for blackfish, too.

Limerick: This hook is used the world over by commercial fishermen who still employ set lines. I use it occasionally for cod on cloudy days—which is another something I learned from those old-time Brooklyn fishermen. Its only drawback for the rod and reel fisherman is that it takes a stiff rod to drive it home, but once secured it never fails to produce, and I guess this is why it is a favorite with those set liners.

O'Shaughnessy: A good hook when used for heavy fish (its shank is often forged). Takes a lot of doing to sink and hold firmly, though I must tell you I've had disappointments with this hook on large fish.

Sproat: This is an old-timer and most fishermen have used it at one time or another. It is the one we picture in our minds when we think of fishhooks. Can be used with satisfactory results on flounder to cod. It is

strong and penetrates quickly. The point tends to be soft and should be "touched up" occasionally, especially after snagging bottom obstructions. (Better to discard, though, than do this.)

Virginia: This is the blackfisherman's hook. Its sharp, hollow point and barb is offset and penetrates the black's rubber-like mouth with little difficulty. Can also be used for sea bass and porgies with good results.

Aberdeen: This is strictly a freshwater fisherman's live bait hook. It is thin and light and often used when minnow fishing for yellow perch and so forth. Not at all recommended for saltwater fishing.

There are other fishhook styles, of course, but these are the ones used most often by saltwater bottom fishermen. They are also available in long shank if the fisherman finds these shorter shank hooks do not satisfy. Send off for a hook catalog from any of the companies in The Fisherman advertisements.

Hook sizes are often confusing to fishermen. Why there isn't a uniform method of describing fishhook sizes, I don't know. I understand attempts to do so have been made but have never been successful.

Small hooks run from size 1 to 22, with size decreasing as the numbers go higher. On the other side of the scale, larger hooks run from size 1/0 to 20/0, with the size increasing with the numbers. In other words, a 1/0 would be smaller than a 2/0 and number one larger than a number two. (I told you it was confusing.)

Maybe you missed being a rag-tag kid in that Brooklyn of yesteryear, but that shouldn't discourage you from studying hook nomenclature today. To help you in this endeavor, O. Mustad & Son has published a multi-page pamphlet entitled "A Guide to the Selection of Salt Water Bait Hooks." It contains a series of popular hooks, some of which I've mentioned in this article. These hooks are shown in actual sizes and is chockful of information you will enjoy while you learn why a fishhook is not just a hook. There's also a bit on bait and how to use it.

The Mustad Company has sent me a supply of these popular guides for readers of this magazine. If you'd like to have a copy, simply send me a stamped, self-addressed 4X9 envelope. Address your request to my home: 39 King Street, Hampton Bays, NY 11946. I'll get it off to you by return mail. Please don't send your request to the office as this will only cause unnecessary delay and expense.

Oh—before I forget. This Guide is free, so please don't send money with your request. A lot of fellows write and say "For your trouble, Matt" when they request the various knot booklets and assorted goodies I offer from time to time. But believe me, it is no trouble. We fishermen must stick together and help each other to better fishing. No one else will do it for us.

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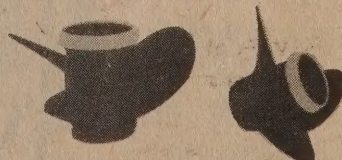
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LEARN TO LOVE YOUR LORAN

by Eric Burnley

My association with Loran goes back over 20 years. As an electronics technician in the Navy, my sea detail station was the navigation bridge and I became responsible for the maintenance and repair of the Loran A.

The Navy did not provide a special school for the Loran, so I had to study the operation and repair manual along with the schematics whenever the machine broke down. Fortunately, this seldom happened and when it did the problems were usually simple.

The old Loran A models were big, expensive and difficult to operate. Auto trac was unheard of and getting the little man into his house could be a frustrating experience. A well trained and experienced navigator could get a sextant reading almost as fast as I could get one from the Loran.

Loran A did not make the transfer from Navy to civilian use gracefully. Frank Goodhart had one on his 26 foot Chris Craft and we would have to stop the boat to get a reading.

Then came Loran C and everything changed. While still expensive the Loran C machine could do everything, including steer the boat. The best feature was auto-trac which gives you constant readout of TD lines or Lon/Lat position.

The final hurdle was reached this year with the introduction of several Loran C models that retail for well under \$1,000. While this still makes them the most expensive piece of electronics next to a radar, these new models are so versatile the cost becomes quite reasonable.

This versatility seems to be lost on most fishermen. The majority of the guys I fish with simply turn on the Loran, get their TDs and never touch the set for the rest of the day. By doing this they fail to take advantage of such features as speed over bottom, time to destination and distance to go. You can also get your compass heading to your destination and your steering route.

Not every model has all these features, but the vast majority of Loran Cs on the market do incorporate most of them. The final decision on which Loran is right for you will depend on the features you feel you need and the amount of money you choose to invest. Most fishermen can find everything they need in a unit costing less than \$1,000. If you can get by with fewer features there are models on the market selling for \$600 to \$700.

Since I had been away from

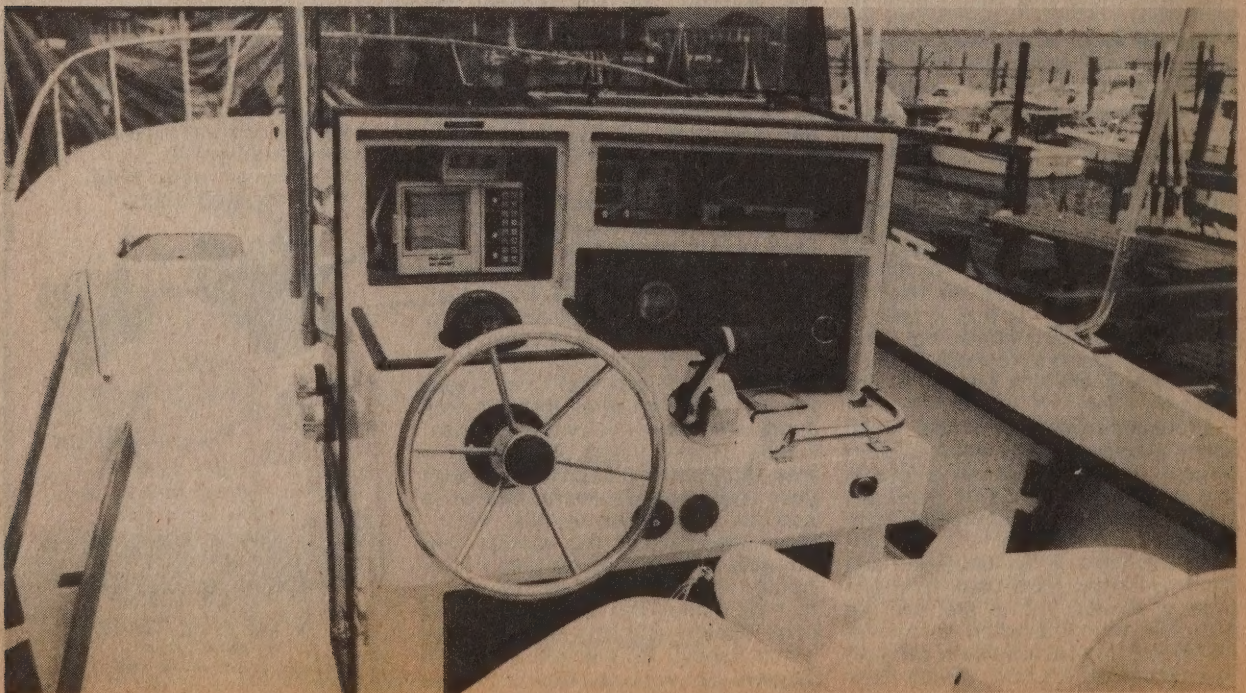
electronics for several years and the Loran C units incorporate many state-of-the-art circuits, I decided a refresher course was in order. Fortunately, Bob Seeback of Mieco in Cockeysville, Maryland offered his services and the facilities at the plant to bring me up-to-date.

The unit we used was a Mieco C-Master V which has all the features a fisherman will ever need. Of particular interest to those who fish the Chesapeake Bay are the four automatic notch filters which instantly compensate for interference from the low frequency radio signals around Annapolis.

To get an idea of how many ways a Loran can help you on a fishing trip, I asked Bob to run through a typical day on the water. Let's assume you are fishing from a boat under 26 feet out of Indian River Inlet.

After hooking up your unit to the antenna and power source, turn it on and wait for it to warm up or acquire. Switch to Lat/Lon or TD and verify the set is functioning properly. Unfortunately, this is as far as many fishermen go instead of using all the features available.

The Mieco C Master V has the ability to store 100 way points. That's



100 fishing hotspots you can program into the unit and call up whenever you need them. These can be anywhere from inshore wrecks to offshore canyons. You can also put in buoys or channel marker locations that will help you home when visibility is poor. Those of us who have been caught outside in the fog can really appreciate that idea.

Departing from the bell buoy you can call up your destination by touching the TO-10-Enter panels on the Loran. This will set your course to whichever TDs are stored in way point number 10. The display will show 44 on the upper panel which indicates all four slave signals are being received and the lower display shows the compass heading to your destination. This compass heading is the way you want to go NOT the direction you are heading. It also has an eight second delay before display, so you still **must steer by your compass**. The Mico V can be mounted alongside or even over the compass if non-ferrous metal mounting brackets are used. Other Lorans may contain ferrous metals, so check with the manufacturer before putting them too close to the compass.

One big concern of all fishermen is the fuel supply for a day's fishing. The Loran can give you speed over bottom which can be computed with your engine speed to tell you how much fuel you are using. For instance, if you know you burn 10 gallons per hour at 3,500 RPM and the Loran indicated your speed is 25 knots, you can figure it will take 20 gallons to travel 50 miles to the Baltimore Canyon. The Loran will also give you the distance and the time to your way point to make your calculations even more accurate.

Once you start fishing your Loran can keep you over productive water whether you are anchored, drifting or trolling. Use the TDs to come back on your anchor line until you are directly over a wreck. If you are drifting or trolling you can stay on an edge by running a TD line and watching your depth recorder. You can troll over a productive area by setting up a grid pattern of TD lines.

When you get a strike the first thing to do is press the Store panel on the Mico V. After the fish is in the boat press TO-99-Enter and you will have your heading back to the spot where you picked up the fish. To get the TDs, press Recall.

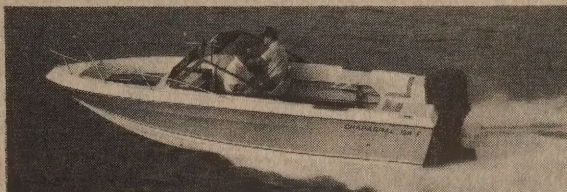
Bob also had some tips on installing your Loran. Keep the antenna at least 4 feet away from any other antenna. Many Lorans, including the Mico C-5 are not waterproof. Keep them in a dry place, but don't attempt to seal them yourself because condensation within the unit will soon destroy it.

The functions described here are very basic. With a little imagination and experience you can find many more ways to use your Loran. A machine that not only helps you find fish, but also guides you safely to and from the grounds is a machine you can learn to love.

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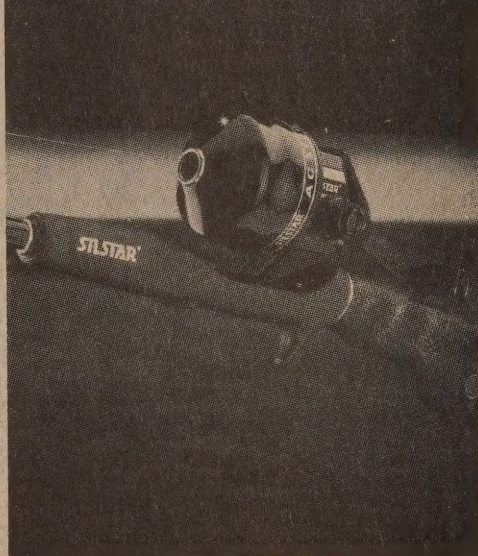
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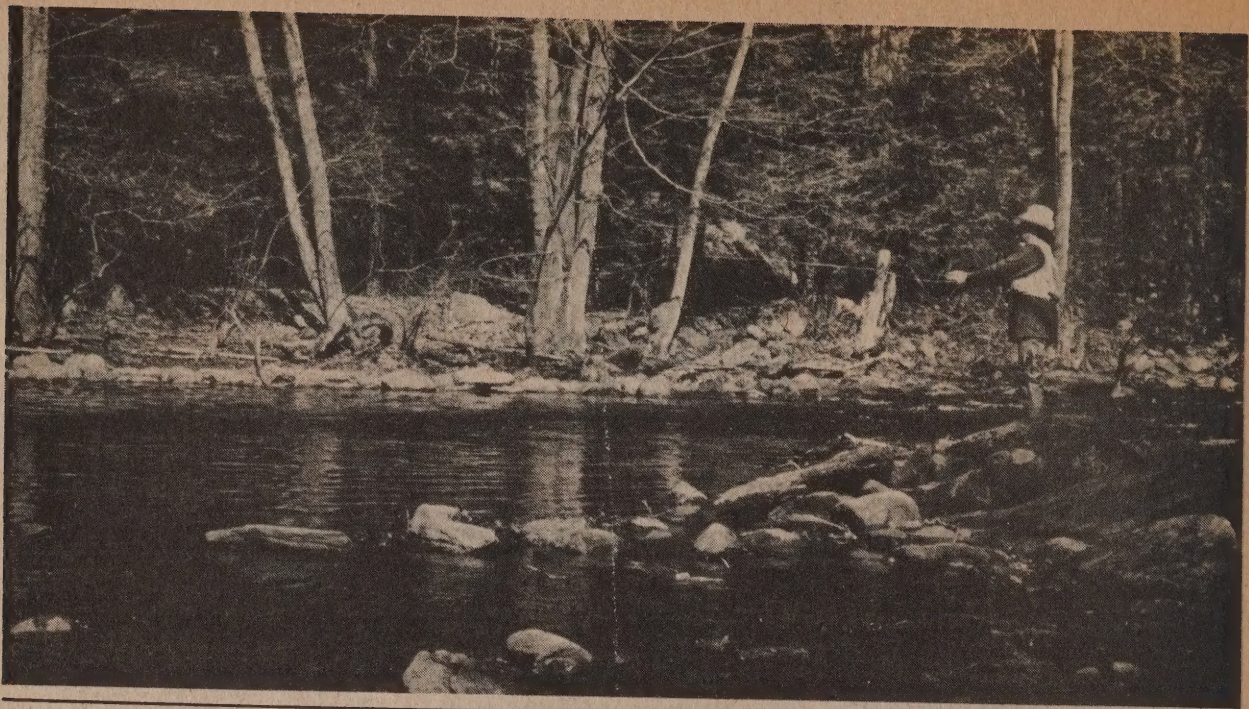
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DRESS UP FOR TROUT

by Jim Capossela

Your spirits are as bright as the river's sparkling riffles. You really have your outfit together this year: A new graphite rod to cure all your casting ills; an expensive english fly reel (and surely it will sing like a nightingale when that 20-incher makes his first hell-bent dash); you've even crafted some decent looking stonefly nymphs to ply the brown of your dreams from Boulder Pool.

You fit your new rod together, and don your hat and vest. But unbeknown to you, your leader book has fallen out of the pocket with the busted snap (remember, you swore to replace that ragged vest last year). You walk the hundred yards to the stream, and miracle of miracles, a hatch of blue-winged olives has the trout working like a factory! It's too good to be true. You thread your fly line and reach for your leader book... then walk the hundred yards back to the car, cursing softly.

You find the leader book in the trunk of the car, and then hustle back to the stream. The hatch is still in progress, so you tie on a tippet, and reach for your nail clippers to trim the blood knot. Rats! You forgot your clippers. So you try to trim the ends of the knot with your teeth. You curse when the sheared tippet falls into the water, and goes floating away over a rising fish. It was your last piece of 7x.

The hatch is on the wane, so you

dig feverishly for a spool of 5x or 6x tippet material, knowing full well it will look like a TV antenna attached to that #22 Baetis imitation (you meant to organize your leader material—but...)

You rummage for the right fly box, and it contains only one precious fly of the right size and color. Only problem is, the tiny fly is hopelessly crushed under four huge stonefly nymphs (and why didn't you spring for a good midge box). The bedraggled fly goes on your leader anyway, and the box back into your... oops! It pops back out of your hopelessly disorganized vest. You make a desperate lunge, and grab it! But at the same time, your expensive stream thermometer (which is long and thin) pops out of another vest pocket (which is short and wide), and as you lunge for it you slip, and two gallons of 48-degree water pour into your waders.

You thrash to shore, remove your waders in a tantrum and seriously consider taking up raising geraniums.

You might as well, too. The hatch is over now.

If you're a fly fisherman, this nightmare could happen to you. And something like it will happen if you don't give as much thought to your vest and its contents as you give to the main components of your outfit. The fact is, the most perfectly balanced fly rod, reel and line will help you catch few fish if you are not equipped with the right ancillary gear.

The vest itself, if poorly designed, will be a continual source of aggravation. First, it should fit loosely, since heavy clothes are often worn on early-season expeditions. Choose a fabric that breathes, like cotton. If you buy the vest a little large, shrinkage will not be a problem when it is washed. With cotton, though, dry cleaning once a year is a better idea.

The vest should be durable. This means solid material all the way around, not meshing in the rear. Many vests offer waterproof lower pockets. Having survived the outdoors for many years, I am always leary of the word "waterproof." If you plan to do a lot of deep wading, consider getting a "shortie vest."

It is very important for a fly vest to have a large, rear pocket. You can bet there will be times when you need one to carry a sandwich, rainsuit, camera, etc. Most good vests also have a "continuous" inside pocket that goes from one side to the other. It is also important to note that the number of pockets is not as critical as their size and shape. Here, I must endorse the Orvis Tac-L-Pak vest that I own. It has two, large zippered front pockets that give you the option of carrying all your flies in two large boxes, rather than in a number of smaller ones. The vest also has rectangular (rather than square) pockets on top, a shape that best accomodates items such as fly spray, bug dope, pen lights and thermometers. On the inside of the

vest there is a zippered pocket, shaped to hold securely a pair of glasses or sunglasses. There is also a very wide inside pocket that is needed to house a leader or streamer book. I especially like the Velcro closures that are on all the pockets without zippers. These are fast and efficient, and can be opened or closed with one hand. Snaps are usually a headache. They're awkward to open and close in poor light, and they tend to loosen up in time. Snap and button pockets also have a nasty habit of spewing expensive gear out of the corners.

In short, look for a vest that is durable, well-fitting and functional. Make sure it has enough pockets of the right size and shape; and pay particular attention to the way the pockets open and close.

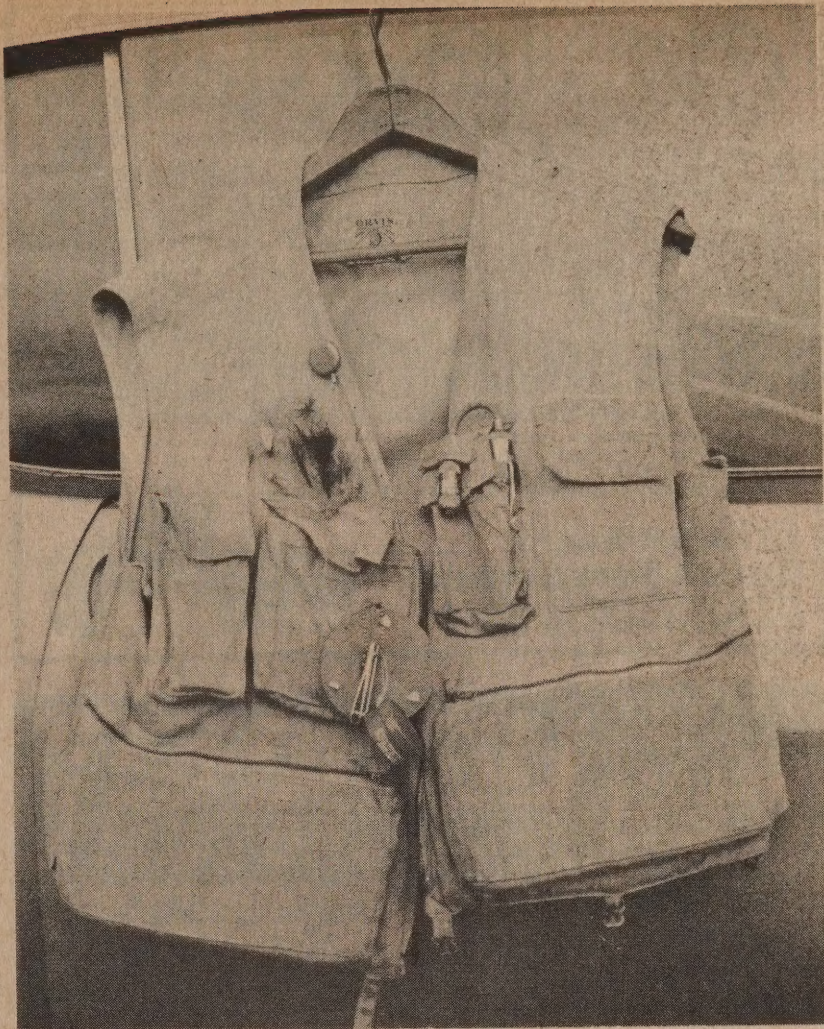
The inside contents of a fly vest fall into two categories: Essential and optional.

The Essentials: Of course, you'll need boxes to carry your flies. Over the past few seasons I have managed to cut down the number of boxes I carry to four (but I don't always tote all four in the vest at the same time). Two large, 18 compartment jobs carry all my dry flies in sizes 8-18. I like these deep (1 1/4") tough, plastic boxes because they can hold many delicate flies without crushing or crowding them. Each box will carry a hundred or more flies. Orvis makes this quality plastic box, and while it is expensive, it exactly fits the front pocket of their Tac-L-Pak vest. The third box I carry is a miniaturized version of the two larger ones: Also 18 compartments, but much thinner (7/8"). This box handles the relatively few small flies (size 20 down) and nymphs I usually want to have with me. Finally, I tote one metal, wet-fly box that accommodates all of my caddis larva and pupa patterns, in addition to mayfly wets. This box has clips for 140 flies, but you can buy similar boxes with space for as many as 240 wet flies.

There are several types of wet fly boxes from which to choose. One kind utilizes coil-spring clips—avoid this one like the plague. The spring will trap water and rust out all your hooks. The kind that works best features flat, metal clips, and this design is almost universal in the better brands, such as the English Wheatley.

You'll probably want to pack a streamer book. These are usually made of cloth, and feature closely-clipped wool linings that hold relatively large streamers and bucktails. The one I have is inexpensive, about three dollars, and lightweight. And in addition to streamer patterns, I use this book to carry large stonefly and dragonfly nymph patterns.

The next consideration is leaders. Most serious fly fishers tie their own leaders, and this makes it necessary to carry several spools of tippet material. Sizes 3x, about 6-lb., to 7x about 1 1/2-lb., should cover most all your tippet requirements, and also allow for the repair of leaders below



Orvis "Tak-L-Pak" vest has pocket to suit the author's needs.

the tip section; that is, the second and third sections that normally get worn back in the course of a day's fishing.

There is at least one product on the market specifically designed to organize your leader material, and it is a great idea. It is called the Dennison Leader Dispenser, a round plastic box that houses little spools upon which can be store several yards each of six different size tippet material. The tippets are fed out through holes in the main box. This gadget will be seen in better fly shops, and in many of the fly fishing mail order catalogs.

You'll probably want to carry a few different length and weight leaders already tied up. For this purpose, there are inexpensive leader books, sold just for this purpose.

Now a number of smaller items which are, nonetheless, very important. A good set of nail clippers is positively essential, and the best place for it is pinned on the outside of your vest on one of those small, retractable key-type chains. On this subject, there are actually several other little things that should be pinned on the outside of your vest and always ready: Hook hone or file, hemostats, dry fly creme, and some-

times others. By the way, I've found the nail clippers sold just "for fishermen" to be of poor quality. They dull and fall apart. Go to the cosmetic department of any store and buy a pair of Revlon clippers, they're the best I've seen.

A small hunk of rubber is very useful for straightening leaders. Fancy rubber patches with leather backings are sold for about three dollars, but an ordinary piece of tire tube will work fine. You just hold the leader tightly between the rubber and pull it. Takes all the kinks and coils out quickly. Fly floatant is a critical item if you fish with dry flies at all. There are many kinds, ranging from exotic home-made concoctions, to creams, liquids and sprays. The cream I use, Gehrke's Gink works very well.

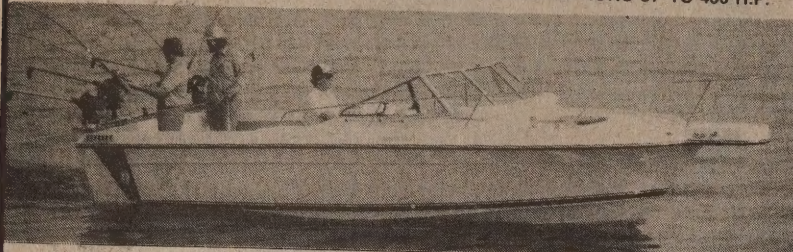
A hook hone or file is essential. Use it often. Dry fly absorbent, now sold under various brand names, is a relatively new product, but an extremely valuable one. Basically, it is a small bottle of fine, absorbent granules, and it does wonders to restore a slimy fly that has just caught some fish to workable condition. Fly line

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cleaner, which is included free with most good fly lines, takes up little space in a fly vest, but is good to have along. Remember: A dirty floating fly line will not float at all.

You really should have a pair of surgical pliers (hemostats). These lock in one of three positions, and are perfect for removing hooks safely from a fish's jaw or throat. I leave mine clamped on the flap of an outside vest pocket. Split shot should be carried even if you tie weighted flies. There'll just be times when you have to get down deeper or faster. Most split shot are too big for the fly fisherman, but Pezon Michel Co. offers a multi-pack assortment in the right sizes—from about medium to very tiny.

The Optionals: It's impossible to carry all the little gizmos and gadgets made for the fly fisherman; nor would you want to. But according to your needs, and where and when you fish, some of these additional trappings may be worthy of a nook in your vest: folding scissors, thermometer, ferrule cement, lube, magnifying glass, caliper (for measuring leader tippets), fly charts (to help you match the hatch), and fly pen (which grasps a tiny fly while you tie on a clinch knot). And if that isn't enough, there's even a stomach analysis pump that lets you examine a trout's stomach contents without killing it! And if there's a more ridiculous item than that inside the fly vest, it's the fisherman himself.

The trout vest is not the private domain of the fly fisherman. Spin fishermen have to carry gear, although far less gear, and a vest is still the best way. One thing: Don't try to switch back and forth. Keep a separate vest for your spin-fishing forays.

In truth, I have narrowed down the amount of spinning gear I use on the stream to so little that I no longer use a vest. Rather, I carry everything in a little belt pouch. This includes:

1. Extra spin reel spool with 6-lb. mono. I leave a spool with 4-lb. test on my ultralight reel, but 6-lb. is sometimes desirable for bigger water or roily conditions.
2. Combination scale-ruler device.
3. 6-compartment box for loose bait hooks.

4. Hook hone (don't leave home without it)

5. 6-compartment plastic box for small stream lures

6. Small Sucrets lozenge tin for split shot, barrel swivels, and a few other odds and ends.

That's about it. To me spin fishing provides a break from the complexity of fly fishing, so I purposely go light.

I should mention that I customize my spin boxes a little bit. To cover me for all the bait-fishing situations, I carry six hook sizes from #4 to #16. The problem is, the lid on the box never fits tight enough, so the hooks bounce from one compartment to another. To stop this, I made a

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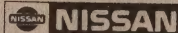
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gasket. First, I took a piece of very thin (3/16") foam rubber and cut it to fit exactly the inside of the box's lid. Then I stuck a piece of duct tape to one side of the foam. Finally I glued the tape side to the inside of the box's lid with Elmer's glue. The tape makes a better surface for the glue than would the porous foam. Now, my loose hooks, even the tiny #16's, stay in their own compartment. By the way, I label each compartment with a little stick-on label so I can quickly find the size hook I want.

The other box, the one with the small stream lures, I also did something to. My lures used to rust out on me, so I drilled tiny holes in each compartment to let the water drain out.

There is actually one more essential component in my fly fishing outfit. It can do wonders to organize your gear and ease your mind. It's what's commonly called a Kit Bag, a small carry bag with lots and lots of pockets. Especially useful for a trip of two or more days, the kit bag serves two important functions.

First, I keep in my kit bag all the fly fishing gear I feel I definitely will not need on the stream that particular day. For example, in early season, when most hatching activity is mid-day, I don't carry that fairly heavy pen light. I leave it in my kit bag. Likewise, if I know I'll be sticking to dry flies, that heavy extra fly reel spool with my sink-tip line stays in the kit bag. By the same token, I will selectively leave in my kit bag certain of my fly boxes, depending on when and where I'm fishing. A fly vest can get so heavy that it ruins your day, but the kit bag, which is kept in the car anyway in case you need something, can really lighten the load.

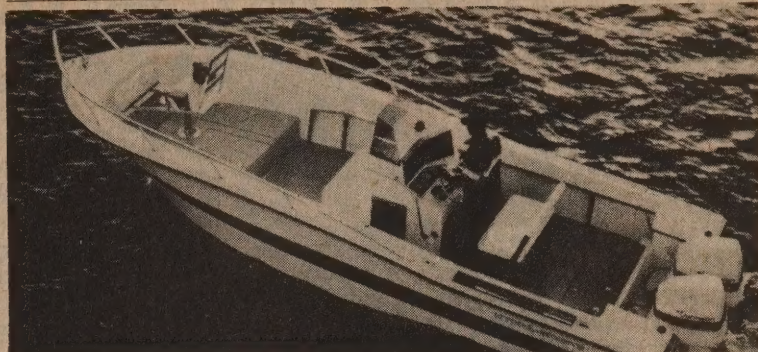
Function two of the kit bag is to hold several items that would otherwise get scattered hopelessly around the dashboard, trunk, back seat, or more typically get left home. Here we're talking about rainsuit, sunglasses, lunch, camera, extra fly reels, leader-tie kit, extra boxes of special flies, and so on.

Every year I camp and fish on the Delaware River for the week of July 4th. The first few years I was a tangled mess. The kit bag, though, straightened it all out. Now, for a full week of fishing, my checklist is this simple: waders, a fly vest with net, two fly rods, spinning rod, and a kit bag.

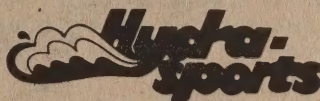
That's it! The kit bag totes all my reels, a small canvas creel and the miscellaneous small stuff. When I leave for that trip with these six items, I know I have everything I need for a solid week of serious fishing.

There are two types of people: Organized and disorganized. All the best fishermen I know are in the first camp. Maybe writer Matt Ahern summed it up best of all in a Fisherman article he once did titled "Four Magic Words." That advice was: Be strong on details!

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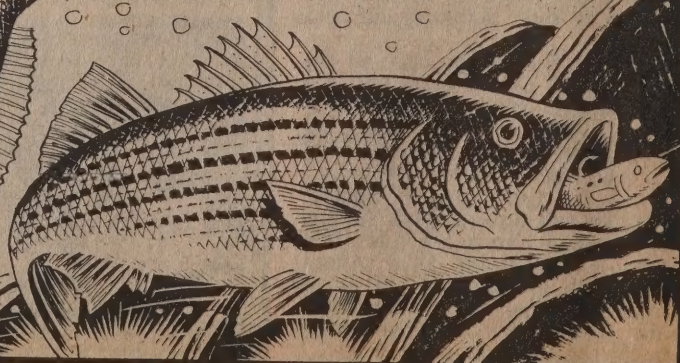
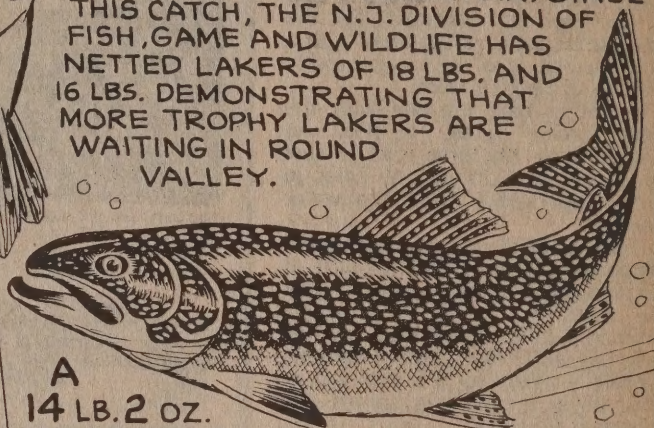
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Capt. Mike Albronda stated that while fishing was slow all week, his best catch was made on Saturday on the **Montauk**, when Bill Hines and his party boated 44 cod, top weight 28 pounds.

On the **Julie III**, Tony Perez and 5 friends from the Bronx fished with Capt. Ron Grandinetti at outer Cartwright, boating 28 codfish in the 5-20 pound range, along with 4 blackfish to 8 pounds, on clam bait.

Capt. Mike Bentivegna, Jr. averaged a couple of dozen cod per trip on the **Pronto** last week. Wednesday's trip included William M. Roff; on Friday, Harvey Holmes and son with their friends; on Saturday with Ron Contino and his son and friends.

Saturday's trip on the **King Wayne** with members of the Four F's (Four Fat Fishermen Fishing Club) fished south of Block Island boating 47 cod, top weight 25 pounds. On Sunday, a large group from the Spring Brook Fishing Club boated 80 cod, mostly in the 15-18 pound range, although the pool winner weighed in a 32 pounds. Capt. King reported that the fish are on the move and hopefully will settle down soon.

Capt. Michael Potts reported the week's fishing on the **Blue Fin IV**: On Tuesday, fishing south of Montauk, 38 cod were located for the Perez group. Heaviest fish weighed in at 38 pounds. Wednesday's trip with the Chin's from Westchester resulted in 47 medium size cod, mostly in the 20 pound range, with the heaviest 30 pounds. On Friday, Capt. Potts fished the Block Island area where 65 cod and two pollock were located for a group from Riverhead. On Saturday, the Miragliotta group from East Rutherford, NJ returned with 47 cod to 25 pounds, while on Sunday the Acres Anglers Fishing Club from Mastic caught 43 cod in the 10-12 pound range, with the pool fish about 25 pounds. Capt. Potts noted a few large pollock around.

On Thursday, a fishing trip with Capt. John Richy on the 20th Century Drifter with Capt. Mike Bentevegna, myself and a friend, resulted in 49 cod and one large blackfish all caught southeast of Block Island. Most of the fish ran in the 5-10 pound range.

Capt. Chuck Mallinson echoed the feelings of most captains that the fish are moving around a lot, with best action in the morning hours. A good showing of blackfish to 10 pounds is reported this week. Wednesday's trip on the **Joy-Sea** resulted in 38 cod by Mike Dosak and his son, top weight 30 pounds, while on Saturday, Joe Pergano and his friends boated 30 cod to 25 pounds, fishing south of Block Island.

Capt. Jay Rigano first fished Block Island on Friday, catching 4 cod which prompted a change in plans with Eddie Peacinti and his friends. The group opted to try a drop at Cox's Ledge, despite a heavy heave on the ocean. Fifty cod were taken in a short time. Saturday's group on the **Lori-Jay**

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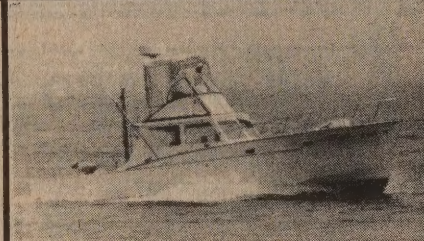
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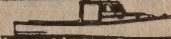
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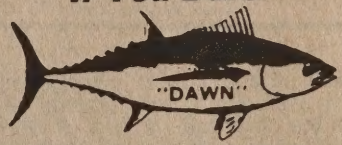


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went straight to Cox's Ledge where fish averaging 12 to 15 pounds leaped on the clam bait—a total of 120 cod were caught—lots of double headers among the catch. Capt. Rigano noted that the fish were loaded with sand eels.

Edelman's Lou Rosado searched for snowshoe flounder on Saturday, meeting with very poor results at Promised Land, Acabonic, Gardiners (Tobacco/ot/Eastern Plains Point) and Cartwright Island. However a trip on Sunny Sunday, starting late resulted in a catch of 35 flounder at Acabonic in 2½ hours with the largest fish 4 pounds, many in the 3 pound range. It appeared that the sunny warm day was all that was needed to get the fish feeding. Lou also heard that Culloden Point was the site of a flounder catch on the outgoing tide on Sunday.

Maureen at Gone Fishing Marina reported a catch of 29 codfish to 18 pounds by Randy Brown and Steve Libinsky, who trailered their boat from

Port Jefferson. Their catch was made at Southwest Ledge, bait was clams, tide was outgoing. Also on Sunday, the marina based boat, Francesca, returned with a catch of 18 cod to 20 pounds, fishing SE of Block Island. An early week trip on the "P.J." with Jim Williams to Cartwright resulted in 52 cod and 12 nice blackfish. Flounder are pretty good in Lake Montauk at outgoing tide according to Maureen. The **Caprice**, berthed at the marina reported a trip to Block Island on Sunday, resulting in 20 codfish to 15 pounds.

Capt. Richie Rade reports up and down codfishing this week, with Thursday a pretty good day on the **Marlin IV**. Charlie Kash of Flushing was high hook with 14 cod and blackfish, while 6-10 fish per man was average that day. The catch included as many blackfish to 9 pounds as cod in the 6 to 8 pound range. Pool codfish has been in the 25 pound range. Capt. Rade feels that codfishing will improve as the bait moves in. The

Marlin IV is fishing between Cartwright and Block Island.

Vinnie Tilotta took a trip on the **Viking Star** on Thursday, reporting that approximately 55 cod were taken by 36 anglers. Most fish were in the 8-15 pound range. Although he had a 35½ pound steaker, the pool was taken by a 42 pound cod. The Star fished the CIA grounds.

Nancy at Captain's Cove Marina reports pretty good blackfish at Cartwright on Sunday. Charter boats have been fishing the CIA, Block Island and Cartwright areas for cod. Capt. Jim Flowers took the **Mary A** to CIA on Wednesday with the Flynn's from Brooklyn for 20 codfish to 25 pounds and on Saturday located 18 codfish to 34 pounds with a group from the Col Prower Corporation from Westchester.

SOUTH FORK

Capt. Artie Lach is still into hot and heavy flounder fishing on the **Sag Harbor** based **Wilhelric**, with most fish weighing from 1 to 2½ pounds. Action is concentrated at various points: Cedar Beach, South Ferry, the Caretakers, Mashomack Point, and very big fish at Ram's Head. While Saturday's action was on the picky side, apparently for flounder all over the Island, Sunday's action was red hot with some anglers putting 25 flatfish into their buckets. Mussels are still the best bait. Capt. Lach is planning a trip to Gardners Island for Wilhelric snowshoes, and is just waiting for weather conditions to dictate the day of the trip.

One hundred twelve anglers participated in the Annual Flounder Derby held at **Bayview Marine and Tackle** on Saturday, winning 15 tackle prizes and 12 cash awards. Heaviest flounder was caught by Rick Labattl, 2 pounds 8¾ ounces, while the second place was taken by his friend Todd Spencer with a 2 pound 3¼ ounce flounder. Both boys, each 14 years old were fishing from the Bridge using mussels. Rick won a 10' custom spinning rod, while Todd chose a Shakespeare ultra light rod and reel. Third place prize, a Shimano spinning reel was won by teenager Vincent Ricciardo with a flounder of 2 pounds 2 ounces.

Chris Salb reported that the flounder fishing is so-so, with some rental boats returning with up to 50 flounder. Best spots remain at Kelly's Point, South Ferry, the Osprey Nest at Mashomack Point (Gibson's) and Cedar Point just starting.

Thom Speckenbach over at **Speck's Bait and Tackle** in Southampton heard of good catches of flounder made at the Bell Estates at Promised Land on Saturday and Sunday. Walter Bohnenberger, John Licht, Walter Nickelsen and Scott Curray, all of East Meadow caught nearly three dozen flounder to 3 pounds in weight on Saturday, and repeated the feat on

Sunday. Thom has received scattered reports of continued good flounder action at North Haven and Shelter Island.

Larry at **Corr's Mariners Cove** reported spotty flounder action, due to the cold water. Lots of bunker in Shinnecock Bay.

Mickey Altenkirch in **Hampton Bays** reports not change in the flounder action, with cold Shinnecock water held to be at fault for the slow action. Canal action consists of lots of small flounder. Gill netters have reported small weakfish (to 2 pounds) and some mackerel in their nets to **Altenkirch & Son**, indicating future action when the water warms up.

South Shore REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

While flounder remain the stellar attraction around these parts, that picture can change dramatically in the weeks ahead. The flaties reign at the top is already threatened by the newly arrived mackerel schools, while blackfish and the spring's real glamor boy, the weakfish, will further steal from the ranks of the flounder faithful.

A call to Sunrise Fish (Fire Island pound nets) in Islip revealed the first noteworthy showing of macks in the nets on Saturday. Brian Catland told me that they've had only a couple of weaks scattered amongst shad, bunker and herring. Monday's lift revealed a mixture of shad, bunker, herring, butterfish and mackerel. Local gillnetters report an occasional lone weak being taken in the bay and along the ocean beaches.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Gary Grunseich of **Silly Lilly Fishing Station in East Moriches**, stole an hour from his chores around the station to put his sons Chris (5 yrs.) and Brian (3 yrs.) onto some Haven's Point flounder. The two young anglers did their Dad proud by putting 25 nice flounder into the cooler in short order. This was on Wednesday. Gary noted that flounder fishing during the week was good from Haven's Point to Buoy 42. Unfortunately, the fishing fizzled for the weekend. One customer who stood out above the rest was Phil Sztorc. Phil used a compass to evade Sunday morning's early fog and worked his way out to Buoy 45. He put away 40 nice flaties and was back at the dock by 10AM. Best fishing through the



Steven Kutch and Gene Greenstein with a fine catch of Moriches Bay flaties taken at Haven's Point. The pair fished out of Silly Lilly Fishing Station in East Moriches.

week had been on incoming water according to Gary.

Rosemary Federico filed a report for the **Alma Fleet**. She labelled Saturday's action as just fair and Sunday's as a slow pick. Saturday's group from the Patchogue Fishing Club saw David Faulk win the pool with a 1 3/4 pound flatie. Ralph Bianco nailed down second spot with a 1 1/2 pounder. On Sunday, aboard the open boat **Alma III**, Art Silverman took the pool with a 1 pound 12 ounce fish. Fishing both days was done between buoys 45 and 47.

Over at Larry Dallaire's **L & M Marine Fishing Station** the word was good fishing on Friday but very picky fishing on Saturday and Sunday. Larry did note that there was some better action reported late Sunday afternoon for those who stuck it out at Buoy 45. As a footnote, Larry reported that as a first time in recorded history, John Nepson, who keeps his Cousins II at the Marina returned from a flounder trip skunked.

Some real quality fish but no real numbers according to Andy Hegeman of **Seatuck Cove Fishing Station in Eastport**. Quite a few fish approaching the 2 pound mark being taken from Speonk Point to buoy 42 and also at Haven's Point. Sand and bloodworms working in the bait department with heavy mussel chum the key to the better scores. Ted Nielsen, Bill Hegeman and John Aufenanger, Sr. teamed on Sunday to take 63 flaties at Speonk Point. They did most of their damage on the last couple of hours of the flood and the

top of the outgoing. While their catch was the exception, at least one other trio of anglers left the Station happy on Sunday. Dennis Wagner, his dad, Bob, and Dan Markunis, all of Maspeth, worked Haven's Pt. with worms and mussel chum and returned with 40 nice flaties.

Mackerel left their mark in this area over the weekend. Bob Stidd ran his 'Ocean Star' to just 60' of water (Sea Buoy) outside of Moriches Inlet and filled 3 buckets with Bostons.

Tom Montalbano and several members of the Moriches Anglers Club ran off in Tom's Sea Turtle to a favorite cod spot 10 miles from the beach. They caught 6 cod including a 22 pounder caught by John Pastore, Jr.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Speaking from his **J & J Bait and Tackle in Patchogue**, Paul Graniello said that the best bet for flounder fishing in the area remains the stretch of Fire Island Shore between Barrett Beach and Davis Park. These are mixed fish and the best scores seem to be made by those chumming heavily and sitting tight. Paul noted that few guys plan of giving weakfish a shot this coming weekend. A reminder too that the shop now has fishing VCR's available for rent. Give Paul a call for more details on this new service.

From **J & R Sports Center in Oakdale**, Al Colban reported that while numbers had been down where flounder are concerned the quality of the fish has been unusually good. Most of the bigger fish are coming from Dickerson and Snake Hill Channels. The week's best catch of flaties came from the north shore. Matt Becker, Lanny Mitchell and Nick Octaviano trailed Matt's Sea Wolf to Port Jeff where they accounted for 37 flaties up to 1 1/2 pounds. Some flounder being picked at the Bay Shore Marina docks and also from the beach near the Sore Thumb according to Al. One boat reported catching 6 small sea bass and one short fluke while flounder fishing near Dickerson Channel.

Irene Cioffi of **Peppy's Tackle Shop in East Islip** reported plenty of people took advantage of this past weekend's idea weather. Most reported fair to picky action with the flaties. One flounder angler reported taking two fluke among the winter flaties. Fourteen year old Chris Santucci weighed a 1 3/4 pound flounder taken in Snake Hill Channel on Friday.

From **Smokey's Tackle Shop in Bay Shore**, Carl Miller reported some decent flounder scores made in West Channel and a surprising number of large fish taken in Dickerson Channel this past week. The best, taken on Wednesday, weighed in at 2.5

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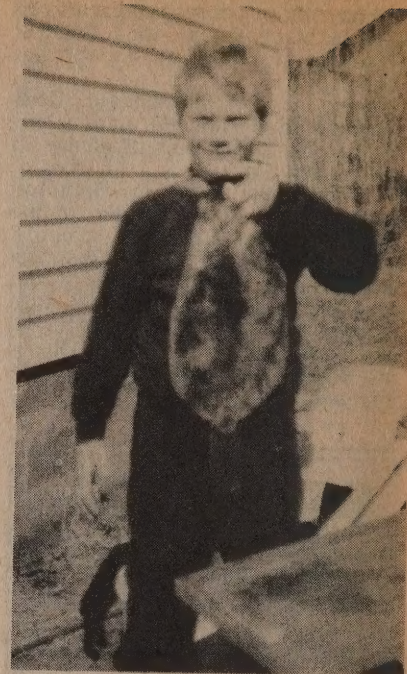
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pounds. There also appears to be movement of fish along South Beach with fish reported taken between Saltire and the Lighthouse. Carl relayed the first reported hook and line mackerel catch for Fire Island Inlet. Stu Blumberg ran his Elegant Lady to 80' of water SW of the Inlet on Saturday just long enough to prove the mackerel were there. He put away a dozen fish before surrendering to the beating cause by a big heave and stiff SW winds. Carl noted that radio reports indicated several boats out of Jones Inlet had good mackerel catches on Sunday. Also, one customer who fished Promised Land on Friday and Saturday reported good fishing with flatties to 3 1/2 pounds on both days.

Capt. Andy Buglione of the Captree charter boat **Cap'n Andy** hosted a group of Surfside III Tuna Club members on Saturday. The skipper reported a fair job on the fish working clam pond and down at the Sore Thumb Pocket. On Sunday, a party headed by Kevin Maguire enjoyed a good flurry of action on the mussel beds near the Lighthouse at the change of tide. These fish ranged between 1 1/4 and 1 1/2 pounds. Sunday's pool fish taken by a Mr. Goodman was just a shade under 3 pounds. Unfortunately for Mr. Goodman, he had failed to enter the Captree Flounder Derby held over Saturday and Sunday with a top prize of \$500.

Noel Kappauf of **Captree Bait and Tackle** reported on the results of the Flounder Derby. Attracting nearly 300 entrants, the event which was spon-

sored by Captree Bait and Tackle, Dupont Stren, Budweiser and The Fisherman in cooperation with the LI State Park Commission was hailed as a huge success. The first place fish which earned George Uzon a check for \$500 was not even taken from a boat. George's 2 pound 7 ounce flattie was taken from the shore at Short Beach. Second place winner, Charles Vella earned \$250 for a 2 pound 4 ounce flattie. Close on his heels was Mike Townsend with a 2 pound 3 ounce flattie which earned him \$100. A complete rundown on the Derby and a complete list of winners will follow in an upcoming issue of the Fisherman.

Mackerel are already creating a stir on the Captree docks with at least two open boats slated to join the mackerel run this week. Capt. George Tweedy of the **Capt. Scotty 3** called to say he is now sailing for mackerel at 7AM daily. Capt. Speedy Hubert of the **Speedy VI** will make the switch to a 7AM daily schedule for mackerel beginning Saturday.

Capt. Carl Passero of the open boat **Miss Captree** found decent flounder action in the Sore Thumb Pocket during most of last week. He felt most fares managed 10 to 15 keepers and noted the best action occurred on outgoing water. Friday's pool winner with an impressive 2.12 pound flattie was Clyde Williams of St. Albans. Sunday's fishing was tougher with the skipper running east in the bay where there was a mixture of keepers and throwbacks. He noted that fish are beginning to drop out of the bay, based on reports of fish along South Beach and the action at the Sore Thumb.

Speaking from **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon**, Tom Healy relayed the results of the Babylon Tuna Club's annual Spring Flounder Derby. First place was nailed down by George Huggler with a 1.12 pound flattie. C.J. Panger nailed down second spot with a 1.11 pounder. Three members tied for third with fish weighing 1 pound 10 ounces. One of the better scores of the weekend was made by Ken Darnay who corraled 25 nice flatties fishing in the Coplague area. Club members reported fish taken from a wide area including West Channel, Babylon Cut and the Sore Thumb Cove. Tom mentioned also that some shorecasters took flatties from the Fire Island Inlet shore this week and there have been some small fish taken from the Village Dock.

Capt. Ralph Green of the open boat **Miss Babylon** spoke of a slow pick through the week and on Saturday and a decent day on Sunday. Sunday's fishing was done in the State Channel and saw Joe Lang take 15 keepers to 1½ pounds. Joe Paradiso left the boat with a dozen fish to 1¾ pounds.

Ralph Angelillo of **Z Crab Tackle** in **Coplague** looked over an impressive catch of flatties made by Jim Scarolo on Saturday. Jim returned from the Wanser's Cut area with 28 flatties, all

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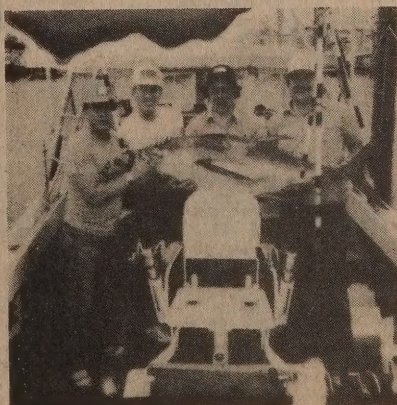
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of which ranged between 1 1/2 and 2 1/2 pounds. Ralph noted that all the fish were put on the scale—so impressed was he by the size of the fish. Rich Serena Sr. and Jr. checked in a catch of 30 flatties to 1 1/2 pounds made at the Amity Cut on the weekend. Joe Biscardi has been doing well with white perch on chartreuse Mr. Twisters at Bergen Point. Ken Smelcer used worms to take 15 tommy cod from one of the local canals. The fish ranged between 14 and 16 inches in length. Ralph noted that some guys have been out blackfishing but have not reported back. He expects some fish are being taken from local rockpiles.

Bob Vitale of Bob's Bait and Tackle in Amity Harbor said that George Fischer ran to only 50' of water outside of Jones Inlet on Saturday to take a load of mackerel in the 2 pound class. Bob had some second hand reports of a few blackfish at the Sore Thumb and from Oak Beach rockpiles. Several customers reported taking flounder at the Sore Thumb Pocket this past week but left no specifics.

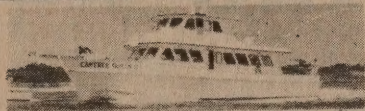
Over at Comb's Tackle Shop in Amityville Marie Combs said that the size of the flatties being taken at Squaw and West Island continues to surprise. An unusually large number of 2 pound class flatties were taken again this past week with heavy mussel or clam chum apparently the key to these fish. Joe Solka had one of the larger flatties of the week. He took a 2.13 pounder at Squaw Island on Saturday.

A similar report was filed by Frank Pristera of Edelman's in Farmingdale. Frank spoke of poor quantity but good quality, particularly in the Amity Cut area. He saw fish to 2 1/4 pounds taken there this week. On Friday, Rich Ferri fished buoy 5, Bergen Point and accounted for 15 flatties up to 1 1/2 pounds. Frank noted that the Snake Hill/Dickerson Channel area has been surrendering some good sized flatties as well.

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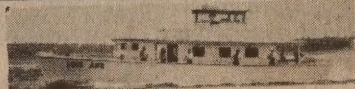
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West End REPORT

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The flounder fishing had its ups and down this week, with the ups mainly weighted towards the Monday through Thursday portion, the weekend being off a bit mainly due to the strong moon tides. However, what was lacking in quantity was made up for in quality with many large fish caught in the 2 to 2½ lb. range. Blackfish have also put in their spring appearance at the jetties and wrecks and the mackerel which have been strong this week off Manasquan have over the weekend been caught in the area of the J1 buoy.

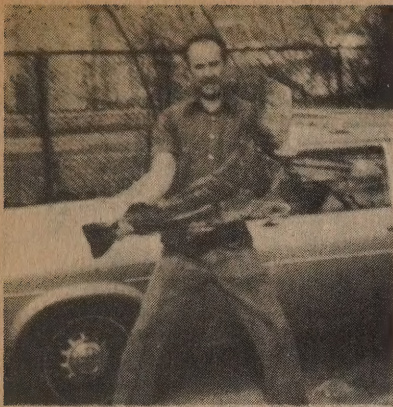
WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

Starting with Seaford, the open boat **Chinco III** told of excellent floundering all week. On Wednesday Bob Ridele had 41 nice flatties, while Tracy Keenan had 37. On Thursday Bill Hellman scored with 35 and on Friday Wally, a regular totalled 42 quality flounder. The Saturday and Sunday half day trips were also very good with high hooks in the 30s. Sunday saw Steve Steinberg with 28 flounder including the pool fish. Captain Brian said that with warmer weather and sunshine, more larger fish will be coming off the flats and into the deeper water to be caught. Both tides produced this week with worms and mussel working equally well.

A call from John at **Pop's Fishing Station** told of sporadic good catches through Saturday with a dropping off on Sunday. Flood tide was best all week. The areas east of the Wantagh Parkways have been best and larger fish have been caught mostly in the deeps, namely around Squaw. The area from the 3rd Wantagh to Massapequa Cove have been producing best on worm and mussel combos. The Bianco brothers have 48 good keeper flounder along with 5 midgets. Eric Hoffman and three buddies totalled 75 flounder up to 2½ lbs., fish averaging ¾ to 1 lb.

The word from **Wanser's Tackle** was of good floundering, with big fish this week taken in the Shoals, west of the second bridge, Black banks and Massapequa Cove. Lon weighed in a 2 lb. 11 oz. flattie. Worms and mussel chum or clam chum have been the ticket.

Over in Wantagh Mike at **Causeway Bait and Tackle** called the weekend a little slow with boats



Bill Shepard hefts a 32 lb. pool winning cod taken this past winter aboard the Freeport open boat, "Capt. Al."

averaging 8 to 15 fish each due to the new moon and fast tides. However, some decent catches were racked up nonetheless. Joe and Al worked Massapequa Cove for 36 on Thursday and 40 on Saturday. They threw back an additional 1/3. Best was on the flood on bloods. On Thursday Frank and Bill took their boat to the Sore Thumb and hefted 29 nice flounder, while Frank and Dink on their boat We Twee worked Squaw for 39 fish to 2 lbs. on the outgoing tide using mussel and worm bait. Some legal fluke were caught by customers while floundering in Jones Inlet, Reynolds and Swift Creek on the weekend. Sunday saw good shots of mackerel caught from the JI buoy out to 60 feet of water.

Moving over to the Freeport action, we heard from Capt. Richie Kessinger of the **Starstream II** that Friday and Saturday saw fair to very good mackerel fishing anywhere from the JI buoy to Farms. Richie said some of his fares had full sacks of big Bostons. While Sunday was slower all over, fares still had a decent pick of mackerel, mainly at Farms. The fish are on their way up and these have been the point fish in the schools.

A call from the charter boat **Nan Sea** told of an exploratory blackfish trip Saturday which had good results with solid catch of blacks to 6 lbs. on clam with the larger fish wanting green crab.

We hear from the **Miss Freeport II** that flounder action was good till Thursday and only fair on Friday and falling considerably off for the weekend. Fishing was done locally. Saturday's pool winner was Rich Giallanzo of Howard Beach with a 2 lber. Sunday's pool went to Mark Tolerko of the Bronx with a 1 1/2 lber. Captain Tony said that the afternoon trips from 2 to 6 PM have proven very popular and he will be extending them from weekends to everyday once the season gets in full swing.

Word from the **Capt. Andy II** is that while floundering this week was not as good as it was in previous weeks, numbers-wise, fares still picked away

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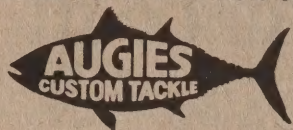
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A call from the charter boat **Captain Joe** told of Sunday's flounder pounding expedition for the Merrick Fire Department Empire Hose led by Al Lapp. The charter had a tough day's fishing but picked away nonetheless in Reynolds, Freeport areas and at the Wantagh bridges. All on board had a few fish each, along with one fluke and two searobins which are harbingers of warm water to come.

Congratulations are out to Gary Smith and his lovely wife Roseanne of Hook, Line and Sinkers Bait and Tackle on the birth of their brand new baby daughter, Brianne.

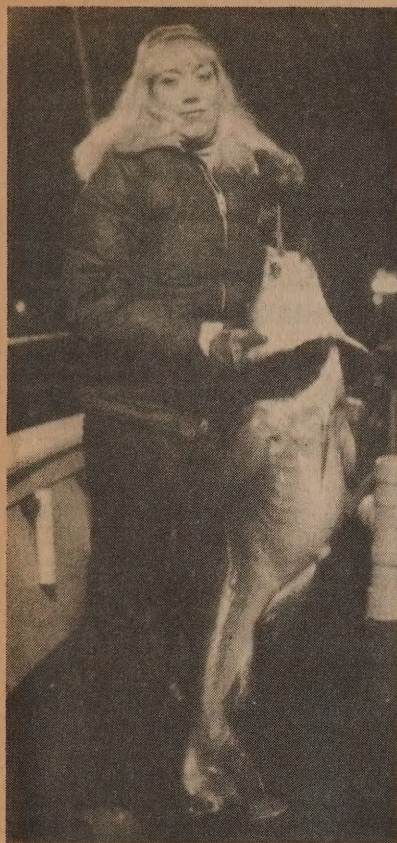
Word from **Lou's Fishing Station** at the foot of Woodcleft Canal is of very good mackerel action Saturday anywhere from 30 to 50 feet of water south of Jones. Action took a big nosedive on Sunday though. The best mackereling right now is at Barnegat where the catches have been quite solid. Flounder action in the local bays has been fair to good with quality, not quantity in evidence this week. Numbers should increase this coming week as the tides diminish. Blacks have started at the bridges and inshore wrecks to 7 lbs.

Bob at the **Freeport Boatmen's Association** dock advised that the Association charter boats and the

Super Spray II had decent flounder action through Sunday fishing Reynolds, Garretts Lead, the inlet for good size flounder to 2 lbs. Blackfish are starting inshore as they have been strong offshore for awhile already.

In nearby Point Lookout we learned from the **Captain Al** that through the weekend he worked on the large flounder population inhabiting the Squaw Island area taking fish to 3 lbs. The boat is now switching over to mackerel sailing 6:30 AM daily. Al will also be featuring afternoon flounder trips sailing Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, sailing at 4:30PM to dark. See ad for details.

A call from Captain Dennis of the



Beth Marks hefts the 40 lb. cod she decked this past winter aboard the Sheepshead Bay open boat, "Betty W III." Photo courtesy of Harry Ostrow.

charter boat *Marie III* told of Saturday's trip for Riverdale Memorial VFW post and a catch by 9 year old Kira Stigadman of a pool fish of 1 lb. 11 oz. High hook was Frank Golloco with 19 keeper flounder and 19 throwbacks. Best action was in Garretts Lead for the largest fish and Reynolds for the smaller, with worm and mussel working best all around low slack. Sunday's trip saw the charter with super mackerel action in the AM fishing S/S/E of Jones Inlet in 40 to 50 feet of water. The shift was to blackfish in the PM. High hook was Phil Delaney with 47 blacks to 4 lbs. The pool blackfish was caught by Steve Kearney, Jr. with a 6 3/4 lber followed up by Brian Kearney with a 5 1/2 lber. Emil Kanyuk hoisted 38 blackfish. This was all on an inshore wreck on clam.

From the **Miss Point Lookout** we hear of very good flounder catches through mid-week. Tuesday saw Phil Morris with 32 flatties including a 2 lb. pool winner. Wednesday AM Drew Heitner decked 32 while Hank and Barbara of Long Beach had 49. Things tapered off on the weekend. Saturday's AM pool was a 3 lb. 2 oz. fish and on Sunday PM Peggy Ross was high hook with 20. Captain Ron said it looks like a solid week ahead as the excessive tides and storms abate. Eileen at **Ed's Fishing Station** said

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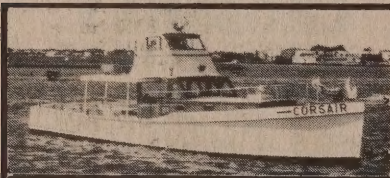
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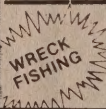
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the rental skiffs did well during the week on flounder. Three sharpies from Jersey taking out two boats had 102 good flounder in the flats using worms and heavy chumming. Captain Holmes and crew from Brooklyn managed 92 flounder in the flats to 2½ lbs. on worm and mussel chum. Vincent Meyer, Joe Hughes and Dennis Owens, all of Ozone Park totalled 55 flounder to 2 lbs. fishing Reynolds and the flats on bloods and mussel chum. Sunday saw Richie and Ray Diaz and Jene Klein, all of the Bronx, hoist 40 flatties at the golf course, Reynolds Channel on bloods and mussel. Macks off the JI buoy with lots of nice catches taken on the weekend. The station weighed in a 6¼ lb. blackfish taken at a local jetty.

Word from **Scotty's Fishing Station** is that blackfishing has started at the loop and Meadowbrook bridges on fiddlers and green crab. Catches of mackerel being made roughly 2 miles out. Flounder action good in Middle Bay and buoy 17 in Reynolds on worm and mussel. Hector Robles and Jason accounted for 30 flounder Saturday from 1½ to 2 lbs.

Out of Island Park, Captain Clem of the **Commodore** told of Don Thompson on Saturday with 15 good flounder plus a 2¾ lb. pool fish and John Glaser's 20 flatties. On Sunday the pool went to Fred Hahn with a 3 lber. and 13 other flatties. Sue Ross and Larry Elderman had 38 fish. Fred Geiger counted 17 flounder while Rich Reinhardt was happy with 19. Fish averaged 1½ lbs. and most were big. Excellent results were had drifting for flounder with best action west of the railroad tracks on both tides, using worm and mussel. One fluke was taken Thursday in Garretts Lead and also one on the Capt. Bill.

A call from the Island Park charter boat **Regina M** skippered by Pete Mikoleski told of the trip for police chief Lenny Bressler with 26 flounder topped off by an honest 3½ lb. bruiser. Action was at the Cement Block in Reynolds. Pete still has some choice dates available. See ad for details.

From **Beckmann's Tackle** in Lynbrook comes word that Dan Paugh of Jamaica bagged a 3 lb. 2 oz. flounder and 11 others on the Deuces Wild, fishing the Island Park/Reynolds channel area at the low swing on Wednesday using bloods. Fish have been good sized without quantities being anything special. Some blackfish at the bridges and rocks on greens and fiddlers and macks in the area of the JI buoy.

We hear from **Long Beach Boat Rentals** that the flounder activity has been hot and cold this week. Senior citizen Jerome Normandean of Inwood managed 30 large flounder on Tuesday from 1½ to 2½ lbs. fishing buoy 9 in Reynolds. On Saturday, Bob Greg and Lance Scott along with Joe Bocchi of Ozone Park totalled 48 flatties to 1½ lbs. fishing buoy 5. Some macks a few miles off Jones Beach and some blackfish to 4½ lbs.

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Skippy at Skippy's Bait and Tackle in East Rockaway was worn weary when we called Monday morning, from counting sand and blood worms all weekend at such a torrid pace. He told of lots of 2 to 2½ lber. though no big numbers of flounder taken at the Oyster Beds, east and west sides of Duck Point, buoy 5, Cedarhurst Yacht Club and off the Atlantic Beach docks. There are more quantities of fish in Reynolds. Sand worms have been best followed by mussels, then bloods. Erich Jung weighed in an 8 lb. blackfish. He had 19 others in addition, all caught at the Silver Point jetty and the ABB on fiddlers and clam on an ebb tide. Lots of macks at the J1 buoy in 38 feet of water. A 40 lb. cod was caught and weighed in by John Weurfel of the East Rockaway anglers on a local wreck aboard the boat Marty's Twins.

Vi at Cross Bay Bait and Tackle on Jamaica Bay advised that loads of 1¼ to 1¾ lb. flounder are being caught off both the north and south channel bridges. One customer came in with 48 fish all taken on blood worm. Best action is 3 hours on either side of the high. Blackfish also starting at the bridges on fiddlers and greens.

To the west in Sheephead Bay, Sal



Theresa Koehler was recent pool winner aboard the City Island based "North Star" with this hefty 2 lb. 14 oz. flattie.

at the ABB and Gong buoy at the Silver Point jetty.

News from Al at Reynolds Reef Fishing Station in Atlantic Beach is that there has been good flounder action this past week with fish to 2½ lbs. at buoy 5 in Reynolds, the Fire house, Duck point and the mussel beds east of the ABB. Blackfish are now also being taken at the ABB on clam. Macks Saturday and Sunday around the J1 buoy.

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Skipper Al Coley of the **Betty W. III** told of super mackerel catches Friday,

Saturday and Sunday off the Jersey coast, all big Bostons.

Congratulations from the LIF staff to Capt. Bob Wiegand of the **Flamingo III**. Bob and wife Gina proudly announce the birth of a 9 lb. 11 oz. baby boy. Flounder fishing aboard the boat was fair on Sunday to the tune of 15 to 18 good flatties per angler who really worked at it. These are quality size fish. Action has been at the rock jetty, mussel beds west of the jetty

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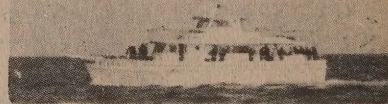
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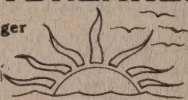
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North Shore REPORT

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The first warm spring weekend woke up most of the north shore flounder and results throughout the area were excellent. During the Friday-Monday period, calm conditions were a boon for small boat fans as well.

WESTERN SOUND

Jack's Bait on City Island had a "pretty good week" and a very good Sunday with lots of boats fishing the area. Harts Island flounder were in shallow water and 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 lb. fish were the standard. A few small tautog were also noted by Jack Rumpf.

The Pearsons told us that the **Klondike VIII** out of New Rochelle was still concentrating on flatties in the Northport-Bayville sector. Several drops were made as far east as Smithtown. Typical fish run up to 1 1/2 lbs. and western Sound water temperatures are now around 50 degrees.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

George Valentine at the **Four Winds** in Huntington Station weighed the biggest flounder of the season so far in this section, Mike Forresta's 2-14. The big flatfish was one of a 35 fish catch from Crab Meadow in 15 feet of water. Valentine told us that the entire stretch from Asharoken to Eatons as well as Marshall Field are full of nice fish in the 3/4 to 1 1/2 lb. range. A suggestion was made to try Sunken Meadow, too. Billy Collins is still aiming for April 28 as the date of the first charter for the **Ever Ready**.

Ralph Davenport at **Ralphs** in Mount Sinai said that Sunday was "great" with 10 boats out and full

pails of flounder. Catches of 24 to 50 were noted, and some large fish were in the hauls. Most of the fish were over the 1 1/2 pound mark and were taken from shallow water close to the beaches around Rocky Point and Shoreham. Davenport felt that conditions couldn't have been better over the weekend close to the beaches around Rocky Point and Shoreham. Davenport felt that conditions could not have been better over the weekend when most anglers had both incoming and outgoing water for their fishing. Mussels and worms were standard baits, and chum was a vital factor.

Stan Hentschel at the **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** had a similar report with rave reviews for the inshore areas. Dave Young weighed a 3 1/2 lb. snowshoe taken from the Rocky Point area around Hagarman's Landing. Billy Nevins and the Salentanos, Jim and Joe, loaded up on fish to 2 1/2 lbs. at the Shoreham pipe while John Paduamo managed a 2-12 flounder and a couple of pails off Hagarman's. Mark Eliot took the first local bass of the season around Rocky Point, a 16 incher taken while flounder fishing. Hentschel claimed that the best of the

flatfishing was within 100 feet of the beach; many anglers would find fish on the drift, then anchor up and chum heavy.

Captain Fred Mildner located three dozen fat flounder on the **Hawkeye's** first charter from Mt. Sinai. Most of the fish were located near Shoreham and bit when the sun peeked through on Saturday afternoon. Top weight was 2 lbs. 11 oz. No fish was under a pound. Onboard: Lorry Mangan, Capt. Vic Olsen, Carmine and Fred.

Northport and Port Jeff Harbor bass were on and off, but a few shorts to 22 inches were enough to set hearts beating. Hentschel suggested small sunken Rebels as well as worms on these early fish. A reminder that the size limit is 24 inches and no fish may be kept until May 8th when a two fish limit takes effect.

NORTH FORK

The best catch on the Fork this weekend was credited to Charlie Hands of Wading River who was fishing just east of Mattituck Inlet with his father-in-law. The two had a total of 39 flatties over 1½ lbs. on Sunday and weighed several over 3 lbs. on the scales at the **Mattituck Fishing Station**. Their largest flounder was a 4 lb. giant. Livery boats also connected with flounder around the Northville pipe. All the action was in 15 feet of water where the high air temperatures had warmed the water close to the beach.

Bob Ceglowski of the **Captain Bob** out of Mattituck told us that although surface temperatures were in the mid-40s on the eastern Sound, the bottom was still under 41 degrees on Sunday morning. Ceglowski took advantage of the temperature uptick on Sunday with the Sunrise Anglers by putting the group on big numbers of flatties in the Roanoke area. Catches of 14 per person were the norm and there were 20 fish in the catch of 200 that went over 3 lbs. Largest fish on board was a 4 lber. and water depths were 22 to 26 feet.

Phil Loria at **Captain Marty's** had a few boats out over the weekend. Dom DeRanieri was still working the South Race for good numbers, but Friday's large catch from Nassau Point was not duplicated on Saturday or Sunday. A couple of boats had fish from Roses Grove. Phil had heard of mackerel in the East Marion nets and 3 weakfish in the traps already, so the season moves on.

Art White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** described the flounder fishing as "terrific" in the eastern Peconics with plenty of 2 to 2¼ lb. fish in catches around Ram Head, Cedar Island and Bug Light. Ace Cottral at the **Port of Egypt** told us that numbers were down slightly on Sunday, but that Saturday had been very good off Dering Harbor and around Crab Creek. The fish were obviously moving around with the waters

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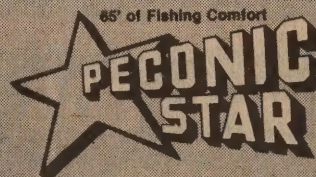
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well off East Marion in Gardiner's Bay on both Friday and Saturday. His parties of 6 scored with around 60 fish total and had fish up to 2.8. One group was from New York's Barnes and Noble, while the second charter was headed by Walt Ruskiewicz. Pete Izzo's **BoAnne** played host to Con Ed on Saturday and Local 3 of the Electrical Workers' Union on Sunday. Like DeLisle, his catches were also high, with around 60 total. Izzo said that South Ferry on slack water was excellent for fish to 2¼ lbs. and that fishing was somewhat slower around Paradise and Cedar Beach Points.

Richie Jensen of the **Nancy Ann** said that three days of action last week off Cedar Island and Hedges Banks had been "unbelievable" with heavy action and catches to 20 per person. The average fish was over 1½ lbs. with the pool running to 2-12. The Anchoring, drifting, everything worked in depths of 20 feet. Jensen noted that the numbers seemed to be dented by the intense fishing pressure and fell off over the weekend. Dan Buckley of the **Nancy Ann II** also described the Gardiner's Bay fishing. He figured that some 500 to 600 flounder had been taken from the area above in several days of heavy fishing. Buckley expects a good shot ahead at Gardiner's Island, but probes tell him that this fishing is a couple of weeks away. The boats that have tried that area have found it dead.

Freshwater REPORT

with Tom Schlichter

With the weatherman dealing us a good hand, freshwater fishermen experienced a pretty fair week as catches of panfish, bass and pickerel showed marked improvement. A few catfish and carp are also starting to mix in.

Charlie Beckman of **Beckman's Bait and Tackle** in Lynbrook reported that Thursday morning, Roy Keller of Ozone Park took two rainbow and six brook trout from the Wading River area. While Charlie wasn't sure exactly where Roy took the fish, he did say that the biggest rainbow was 16½ inches long and the largest brookie went 16¼ inches.

Michael Cannet use a Hildebrandt Spinner to take a 4 lb. brown trout from Bubbles Falls on Wednesday. He weighed the fish at **Z Crab Tackle** in Copiague.

From **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** Mike Andreani relayed word that a few big white perch are still being culled from the tidal creek behind the TSS store in West Babylon. Joe and Kathy Lubrano got out on Southards

warming.

Unfortunately, the heavy dragging off Hortons for the past few weeks may have aborted the Sound run of flatties to the east. There have been few fish taken in the Trumans area with none off Pettys Bight. Those flounder that have been taken are covered with net scars.

Excellent fishing in the eastern Peconics and Gardiner's Bay was detailed by the Greenport fleet. The **Peconic Star** is leading the pace of the Flounder Derby with the top 3 entries in this year's contest. Dave Brennan informed us that Al Meyer's 3.6 was the top fish among all the entries so far. That snowshoe was taken on Friday from Noyac Bay. Other large fish on the Peconic Star included Nick Dmitriou's 2.3, Gabe Montague's 2.15, Bill Kerr's 2.9, and Frederick

Meler's 2.9, all caught between April 16 and April 21. Friday's high hook was well over 30, but numbers did drop off somewhat on Sunday. Still, Brennan felt that "all days were good days!"

John Rainis of the **Blue Albatross** called to say that John Palsma and his party of 5 had come all the way from Goshen (upstate) and loaded up on fillets on Monday. The group, including Bill Zontos, had nothing under 1½ lbs. with the largest tipping the scales at 2.12. South Ferry was the place and numbers ran to 25 per fare or more.

Larry Ciccotto expects to make a May 4 sailing date with the **Prime Time III** from Orient. He's just finishing the paperwork and urges his customers to be patient.

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Pond Sunday with their children Vicky, 5 and Christina, 3. Collectively, the crew accounted for more than 20 catfish and a few yellow perch. Night crawler baits did the trick. Mike also mentioned that he has heard of some nice pickerel and a few carp also taken from Southards in the past few days.

The word from Gil Bergen at Connetquot River State Park is that this week saw good action with brown, rainbow and brook trout. Most

of the better scores were recorded by anglers working stone fly nymphs. Largest trout this week was a 6 lb. taken from boat 25 on Sunday.

Rod DiGiacomo of J&R Sportshop in Oakdale said he had some good reports from Mill Pond in Sayville. Lots of 10 to 12 inch fish taking nymphs suspended from small bubble floats.

Over at J&J Bait and Tackle of Patchogue, John said he weighed in a 1.9 oz. rainbow trout caught in South-

aven park by Chris Zetche. Lots of stocked trout available in the local lakes. Steve Musso took a limit from West Lake on flies Saturday. Yellow perch have also been in a cooperative mood, especially in Patchogue's Mill Pond.

Anglers working Caleb Smith State Park had a pretty good week according to Mike Venuti. Fishing was better for quality than quantity with a good number of 14 to 16 inch fish spread around. Mayfly hatches were

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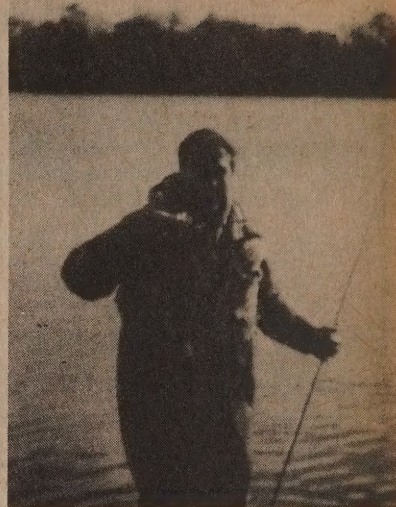
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quite visible this week, especially on Friday but the fish seemed to be feeding more on the midges that you can't see.

Fred Kruse of Pine Grove Outfitters left word that the action on Lake Ronkonkoma finally started to pick up this week. On Saturday, Dan Bratu of Ozone Park took a 25 inch, 10½ lb. carp from the big lake. The warm weather this week also prompted good scores with catfish and a few bass. Plenty of panfish available too. All the action has been on night crawler baits.

At Southaven Park, Mary Gallo reported that trout fishing was a little slow compared to the last several weeks. Still, quite a few 14 to 16 inch brown trout managed to find their way into fishermen's creels. Largest fish this week was a 20 inch brown taken Monday by Rich Fadgan.

From **The Fisherman's Deli** in Riverhead, George Devlin reports that Saturday, Rob Kiminski of Ridgewood used spinnerbaits to take three nice bass while Bob Garskey and Dennis Bennet teamed up to take two bass and a pickerel. Sunday saw Dennis Skarka of Riverhead and Don Megna of Mastic total 5 bass and 5 pickerel to 4 lbs. on crankbaits.

Bill Johnson of **Odyssey Charters**, Rochester, reports that stormy weather on Friday mixed up the fishing to a degree. Still, good action was the rule this week as brown trout are still slamming Bill Norman lures and Orange Rapalas. Gene Willet from Connecticut headed a charter with Bill on Sunday and scored with 15 coho salmon to 7 lbs. and 30 brown trout to 11 lbs. They also released a small chinook. Bill says that he has been using planer boards to troll 5 to 20 foot depths close to shore in Lake Ontario.

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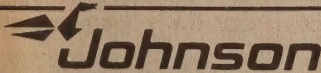
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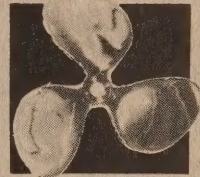
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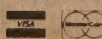
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THURS.	5:25	5:55	6:10	6:35	6:00	6:25	6:55	7:20	8:50	9:15	8:45	9:05	5:20	5:45	5/2

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	-0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	-0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	-0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	-0 12
Seaside Park	-0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	-0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	-0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	-0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	-0 02
Rehobeth Beach	-0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	-0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	-0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	-0 38
Democrat Point	-0 38
Coast Guard Station	-0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	-0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	-0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00

Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	-0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	-0 20
Truman Beach	-0 42
Falkner Island	-0 13
Sachem Head	-0 10
Branford Harbor	-0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	-0 08
Milford Harbor	-0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	-0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	-0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	-0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	-0 14
Montauk Inlet	-0 25
Montauk Point, north side	-1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	-0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	-0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	-0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10

Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	-0 10
Execution Light	-0 06
Manhasset Bay	-0 01
Hempstead Harbor	-0 11
City Island	-0 03
Rye Beach	-0 28
Port Chester	-0 09
Mamaroneck	-0 08
New Rochelle	-0 24
Dauids Island	-0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	-0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	-0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	-1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	-0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	-0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	-0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	-0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 4/25	5:03	6:53
FRI. 4/26	5:02	6:54
SAT. 4/27	5:00	6:54
SUN. 4/28	4:59	6:55
MON. 4/29	4:58	6:56
TUE. 4/30	4:57	6:57
WED. 5/1	4:56	6:58

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 4/25	8:16AM	—
FRI. 4/26	9:12AM	12:19AM
SAT. 4/27	10:16AM	1:07AM
SUN. 4/28	11:25AM	1:48AM
MON. 4/29	12:38PM	2:23AM
TUE. 4/30	1:52PM	2:53AM
WED. 5/1	3:08PM	3:20AM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
			
4/20	4/28	5/4	5/11

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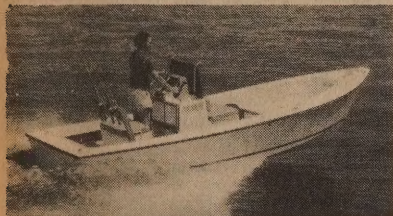
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Sun.	12:10	6:25	12:35	6:55
Mon.	1:10	7:15	1:25	7:40
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Thurs.	3:25	9:35	3:45	10:00

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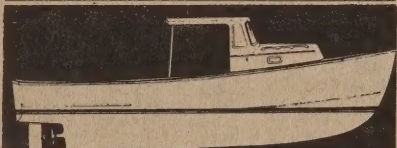
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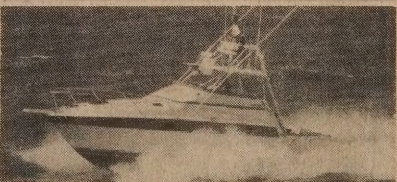
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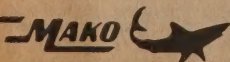
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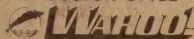


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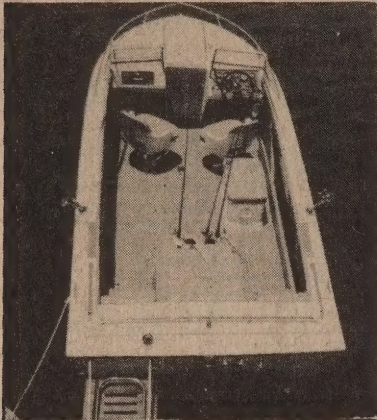
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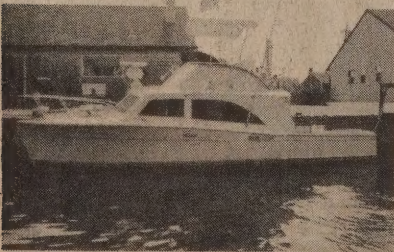
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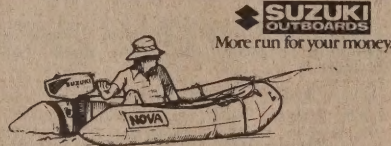
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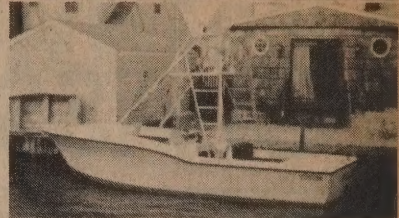
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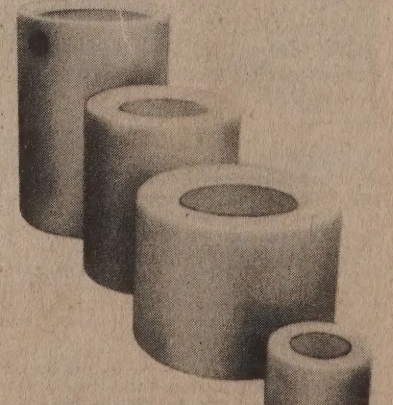
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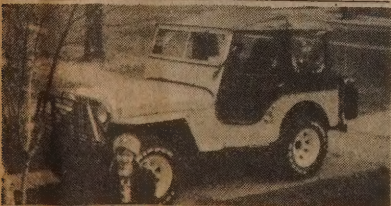
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